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. . Letters from Oberlin Alumni . .

Protests Use of the Term Co-ed in Alumni Magazine

January 19, 1944

Dear Editor:

This is my personal protest against a word that has only very recently crept into the Oberlin *Alumni Magazine*—the word co-ed.

It is "in the dictionary," I know. And such is the effect of usage, the new Merriam-Webster Dictionary does not label it "American College slang," as the previous one did. But it hasn't (long) been used at Oberlin.

Webster defines coeducation as "joint education, especially education of both sexes at the same institution." Originally the men might just as rightly have been called co-eds as the girls. But at institutions where a few women were grudgingly taken in, the men patronizingly called them co-eds (I suppose.)—co, which should mean jointly or commonly, being used instead to set the women apart as undesirable. It has always seemed a term of disparagement, implying a favor accorded to an inferior. And Oberlin, founded in coeducation, has not used the term. It seems a little late to be taking it up.

Until recent numbers of the *Alumni Magazine* I had only once seen it used of Oberlin women. That was at the time of celebrating 100 years of coeducation at Oberlin! At that time I wrote the *Alumni Magazine* editor who agreed that my points were well taken and pointed out that it had only inadvertently crept into one item.

Thanks for a good magazine.

Very sincerely yours,

—RUTH JOHNSON BOYERS, '07
(Mrs. J. C. Boyers)

Soldiers' Pride Shows When Under Scrutiny of German PW's

(Excerpt from letter to W. H. Seaman)

December 31, 1943

I suppose now I can be classed as a professional soldier. I've gone through fifteen weeks of infantry basic in Texas, which is as I am told a state in our Union. I haven't met a northern boy yet who will truthfully say he likes Texas.

I got most of my training during the hot months in this country. Temperatures above 105°F. were common in July. . . .

Basic was no paradise, and it was tough, but looking back now it seems a really great experience for a young fellow. There were many light and humorous moments not un-mixed with numerous thrills.

I'll always remember returning on a twenty-mile march with full field equipment and arms when we marched by a labor gang of German prisoners of war (PW's), big, tan, blond men, captives in the North African campaign. Every mother's son, down to the lowliest of sad sacks, threw back his shoulders, jutted out his chin, and marched proudly by the sullen Germans. Yet before the prisoners were seen, many were complaining of sore feet and aching backs. The American soldier loves to gripe, but when you come right down to it, he's proud of himself and the country he serves. He may not, at times, impress you that way, but that is his way.

I left Camp Fannin, where I had my basic

training, in the middle of October, hoping to be sent north to some college nearer home and my friends, but here I am, still a Texan. I am taking advanced civil engineering . . . This advanced work is pretty tough, because they shoot it at you so fast, and it would be no cinch ordinarily.

—PFC. ROBERT KEESEY, x'45.

Proud of Oberlin; He Looks Forward To Reunion in '49

December 19, 1945

Dear Mr. Seaman:

I wanted to write to you to express to you my deep appreciation in receiving the Oberlin Alumni *Bulletin* and to ask that I be permitted to take advantage of the offer published therein to the effect that every Oberlin Alumni who is a member of the Armed Services be permitted to receive the Oberlin *Alumni Magazine*. It would mean a great deal to me to have this service and bring me closer to the many happy years that I spent at Oberlin.

I have been in the U. S. Army since October 13, 1942, having spent some four months at Ft. Harrison, Indiana before being transferred to Ft. Hayes in Columbus, Ohio to serve with the Investigations Branch of the Provost Marshal of the Army. This opportunity was open because of the legal education I was able to receive after leaving Oberlin. I attended Michigan Law School from 1939 until 1942 and passed the Ohio

Bar in July 1942. My success after leaving Oberlin was due in large part to the fine study habits and sound scholastic background I received at Oberlin. My very best to you and Mrs. Seaman.

In closing, may I say how much I shall enjoy returning to Oberlin after the war to see you and other members of the faculty who meant a very great deal to me.

On October 9 I was married to Sara Ainsworth Getz who graduated from Smith College in 1942. We are living in Springfield, Ohio and I am fortunate enough for the present to be able to get home to see her often, as long as I am on duty in the Fifth Service Command.

I'm sure all Oberlin alumni are as proud as I am of our undefeated football team—they were great! Also it is with genuine joy that at last the men's campus is to become a reality—may the war end soon that building may commence on the second "Noah Hall."

I trust, that by the time I come back for my tenth reunion something definite will have been decided about the ill-fated Hall auditorium. That was the building that was rumored to have been finished in time for the Class of 1939 to graduate in. Please let me lend my pleas to the already large chorus of those voices who hope that the money Mr. Hall left Oberlin will soon be put to the purpose for which it was left. I am very proud of having graduated at Oberlin. You may always count on me for any service to the College that I am capable of performing.

Sincerely,

—GEORGE M. WINWOOD, '39.

POST WAR PLANNING

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Lt. Mike Fisher, '42, No Longer On Casualty List; Is Flying Again

January 26, 1944

Dear Catharine (Schwezer):

I recall our communications of December and January wherein I corrected an error concerning the reported death of my son "Mike" Fisher, '42, and that I promised to immediately inform you if I received any further news.

I have received the most wonderful telegram which ever could be desired:

"I am pleased to inform you that your son Carroll L. Fisher, Jr., 1st Lt. U.S.A.A.F. has been reported returned to duty at his base."

(Signed) Adjutant General
U. S. Army.

I would be very grateful if you would make this known in the *Alumni Magazine*.

God grant that many more may receive like news!

—C. L. FISHER.

Memories of Musical Union Help When Marching Under Texas Sun

November 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Kessler:

Since I saw you in late September, I have been busy transferring from the Infantry to the Air Corps and getting myself established, through many examinations, as an air cadet. Right now I am waiting here at Sheppard Field before being sent to a college some place for pre-flight study in navigation, meteorology, aerodynamics, mathematics, etc. Eventually I will become a Pilot, Bombardier, or Navigator, maybe all three!

At Camp Wolters I had a chance to stay as a Chaplain's Assistant, with nothing to do but play for the Sunday services in my chapel and get together a male choir. I had been doing this while taking my regular Infantry training, and I had a Hammond organ in my chapel that I could practice on anytime I could get to it. Needless to say, the temptation was great, but I realized I could be of more use towards the war by joining the Air Corps, and since I've been building model airplanes almost as long as I've been practicing the piano, I went ahead with the Air Corps.

As you may remember, I gave them Senior Recital in piano, but since then I've been doing almost everything but piano work. I've sung for many church services, played the organ for even more and made a little extra money singing for wedding and USO shows.

In church, I give them half music they know, and the other half—Bach. It was great diversion from daily hikes and drills.

I'm sure you would like to know about one incident that happened to me. It was an extremely hot Texas summer day, and our Company was out on a hike with full packs, gas masks, rifles, canteens and belts on our back. You'll never believe just how hot the sun can be till you get under it in Texas. But about half way through the hike, a very wonderful thing happened. Out of all this heat, I heard a terrific "Sanctus," "Sanctus," "Sanctus, Dominus, Deus, Saba-



LT. (JG) BRUCE BRICKLEY, '34

... returning recently from a six months cruise that took him around the world and through most of the combat zones, Lt. Brickley had a brief rest at home and was all stowed away aboard a new freighter, in charge of her Navy gun crews, when he was laid low by scarlet fever and the ship had to leave without him. He is now in the Long Island Navy Hospital.

His brother, Lt. Carl Brickley, '31, of the Army Air Forces is located at the Salinas, California, Air Base

oth,"—the B-Minor Mass in all of its splendor—full chorus, orchestra, organ, just as if I were hearing and singing it in Finney Chapel. You can imagine how I felt! Thus, you can be sure that your efforts on that work—the B-Minor Mass—have lasted far beyond the moment of its performance, and it will go with many of us to the far corner of the world.

If the Musical Union ever needs to be convinced of the importance and greatness of this work or others like it we have done, you might tell them of this incident if you like. I wish you great success with the Musical Union this year, especially in these times of war.

—A/C LEWIS WHIKEHART, '43.

Oberlin's 440 Title Holder Is Now Studying Cryptography

(Excerpt from letter to W. H. Seaman)

December 28, 1943

After going to school under the auspices of the Signal Corps for 16 months I now have the honor of being a member of the Intelligentsia of the Signal Corps (not to mention being a buck private). . . . I'm in Specialist School studying Cryptography after studying radio, electronics and radar for the last year and a half—a perfect testimonial that I am in the army!

There really are a fine bunch of fellows in my company, all college men with representatives from Harvard, MIT, et al. We don't know where we're going from here, but I for one am enjoying it all as we go. That is, all except those minor details of KP, guard duty, etc.

I felt pretty fortunate in the schools that I was able to go through before active service. Spent last Christmas while attending West Virginia University and all last summer at Northwestern University. A few more and I'll be educated yet!

As all the fellows say, it's good to get the *Review* and especially the *Alumni Magazine*. It's the only way to keep track of everyone, although I do manage to tag some of the fellows. Bill Dipman and I have been keeping the mail route thawed out from Iceland and I've been checking up on those brass hats, Worcester and Briggs, too.

—PVT. JACK OREBAUGH, '42.

Letter Reports on Graduates of '94 Interned by Japanese

Note—Following are excerpts from a letter written by Rev. Earle H. Ballou, a recent exchange passenger on the S. S. Gripsholm, to Mrs. Stanley Merriam of Elmore, Vermont, concerning Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Merriam, '94, whom he knew during the two years when he was detained in Manila en route from China. He writes:

"I had my last visit with Mrs. Merriam the afternoon before we left Manila. Neither she nor her husband were ever interned. They lived until May of this year in their own house, which was only a few blocks from the Presbyterian Mission center where I was staying. During most of those months Americans not confined in the Santo-Tomas camp were permitted to go on the streets only when wearing red arm bands on which was stamped the character for America. A man and his wife almost always were given only one such arm band and this made it impossible for them both to be away from home at the same time. Consequently we usually saw one of the Merriams at the morning service and one at the musical vesper service.

"I called occasionally at their home and always enjoyed the visits I had with them. At the end of May the Merriams and others were placed in a sort of hotel-sanitarium a few miles outside Manila called Sulphur Springs. The place was well and favorably spoken of.

"Mrs. Merriam has had a recurrent leg infection for some years and desiring to have such treatment as could be given under the very fine physicians at the Santo-Tomas camp, she had come there a few days before I left. However, it was nothing serious and she was about ready to go back to Sulphur Springs.

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Merriam are, of course, older than they were two years ago. Mr. Merriam has also lost some weight so he is thinner and more gaunt than common. Nevertheless, for a man of seventy-eight, he still impresses one as being vigorous, intensely alert to all that is going on around him, and by no means downhearted because of the circumstances under which he is now compelled to live."

... Letters ...

Oberlinite Sinks Jap Transport; Another Gets His Zeros

January 6, 1944
(Somewhere in China)

Dear Sirs (at Warner Gym):

Congratulations on the successful sports year. From the reports I've gotten, it was a very good year and especially for the football team. Our theatre paper carried the weekly scores and it sure was good to see Oberlin mentioned each week in the win-column. Doubly interesting were the wins over Wooster as I have a buddy in another squadron in the group who attended there. You can bet I lost no time in pointing out the scores to him.

My only wish is that it could happen more often!

George Grottle, '41, is also in the China theatre and I've seen him a number of times. He's in a medium bomb outfit and we had a good time together on one mission. He has a very good record over here. Besides leading the squadron in shipping sunk, he has a Jap transport to his credit.

When I think over the situation, the fighters plan in this war a lot like a game. Except that the odds are a lot higher. Most of the fellows naturally are serious, but it still is a game more or less and we all get a big thrill out of being in it.

We had a couple of scraps here with the opposing forces before Christmas. I managed to boost my score with a Zero confirmed, and one probable.

Give my best regards to Dan, Butler, Throner, Hersh, Doc Nichols, and all the rest!

—BOB CLAPP, '42.

Ex-Public Relations Man Reports News of Several '39ers

December 27, 1943

Dear Bill:

It was great to read in the December *Alumni Bulletin* received today that you are going to give one-third of your time to serving as Alumni Secretary. You know us all, perhaps as no one else does—and we all know you, personally.

Also exciting was the Post-War Job Placement idea. Many of us when returning from the service will lean heavily upon those who have maintained their civilian contacts, to help us find our place again in the civilian world.

As far as I am concerned (although this is somewhat premature) I hope it'll be on a reciprocal basis. By that, I mean I can help the more recent graduates who are interested in a public relations career to get a good start—through the many contacts I have made in New York in the field. At the same time, perhaps some more advanced alumnus can help me to place myself in the job my experience warrants—I may not need this help from an Oberlin alumnus—but I may—and it would be nice to know that it is there should I need a good steer now and then. And, it would be equally as great a pleasure to help someone from Oberlin get set on the right road.

At present, I am in Camp Edwards, awaiting assignment to some Army Air Force Basic Training Center as an aviation cadet.

I hope to leave here some time next month.

My last job was with an Oberlinite—Clare Tousley, '11. She's a wonderful person to work with—I was happiest there. I seem to have drifted away from the field of commercial public relations and publicity into welfare publicity—and am glad of it. It gave me an opportunity to do a writing job that brought results in terms of human happiness.

Here's some news of Oberlin people—from the mail bag—Dotty Yeakel, '39, is now secretary of the Washington County TB Committee at Hudson Falls, N. Y.

Si Braley, x'39, is also in the Air Corps, 908th T.G., Flt. 851, AAFBTC No. 9, Miami Beach, Florida.

Roland Smith, '39, is a C.O., and has been working hard. At the present time he is at Philadelphia (Pa.) State Hospital working with violent mental cases. It's a tough and important job he's doing.

Art W. Sherman, Jr., x'39, is a First Lieutenant. His long address tells all—Psychological Sec., Med. & Psych. Examining Unit No. 4, Station Hospital, AAFBTC No. 10, Greensboro, N. C.

Arnold J. Sagalyn, '39, is at the School of the Provost Marshal General at Ft. Custer—and is already a Second Looie! He'll probably govern Berlin after we take it over.

Capt. Fred Fairfield, '40, and Sgt. George Gray, '40, have been working at Ft. Knox, Ky., preparing those FM's (Field Manuals) we all hate—and doing a good job!

And Judson Leonard, '41, is happily married and a corporal now in Spartanburg, S. C.

—PVT. JERRY KLEIN, '39.

Alumni in Hartford Area "Stir Selves"; Consider Reorganizing

January 20, 1944

Dear Bill:

Some of us here in the Hartford (Connecticut) area are beginning to stir ourselves about reorganizing our Oberlin alumni group. So, the other day Mrs. Hazel Potter Ruwert, '40, (Mrs. V. L. Ruwert) and I tossed a nickel to find out who were going to be officers of the new organization! By this highly democratic process, I am president and she is secretary and treasurer.

Will you let me have the latest roster of alumni in Hartford, West Hartford, East Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and Bloomfield.

Will there be anybody from the faculty traveling in New England during the next month or so around whom we might build a program for a meeting?

—F. E. GRAY, '17

Looks Up Oberlin Friends While Visiting Chicago

Dear Tom (Harris):

When I was in Chicago, your list helped me quite a bit. I saw and spent an evening with Mary Jane Hoppe, '40, who is going to business school at the moment. I also spent an evening with George Siler, '40, who is a senior at Northwestern Medical School, and is also a private first class in the army. He likes this idea of going to school and getting paid for it. When he graduates he will be a second lieutenant in the Reserve until he completes his internship and then will be a first lieutenant on active duty.

I also talked to Mary MacGregor Derr,

'40 and to Roberta Cartwright Warren, '40 over the phone.

On my first Sunday there, I was walking down State Street and I ran across Van Cleve Morris, '43, who was accompanied by Jack Hanni, '43, who is in Midshipman's School there.

I had a swell time at the Metal Congress and feel that it was very worthwhile. I am still at Ford's (Detroit) and see no way of leaving as long as governmental controls are on.

—AVERY H. FISHER, '40.

Classmates Meet at Exchange Port, Bound in Opposite Ways

January 14, 1944

Dear Sir:

Arriving in the U. S. A., December 2, on the M. S. Gripsholm, I felt like Rip Van Winkle. When I picked up my first magazine and newspaper I needed to translate the American language. "G. I.," "Waves," "Wacs," etc., didn't make sense!

The *Alumni Magazine* has been like a "refresher course" in American Civilization. I'm enclosing \$3.00 for a year's subscription to the "course."

I have been in Shanghai since 1938. The last seven months were spent in the Chopei Civil Assembly center—an internment camp in your language.

Among the Oberlinites on the M. S. Gripsholm were Dr. and Mrs. Wilder, Robbins and Kitty Strong, and Peg Kriete Gressit.

I met Kiyoko Oda, '38, on the dock at Mormugao, India, port of exchange. She was on her way back to Japan. She sends farewell greetings to Oberlin friends. Her departure was too hasty for farewells. She was assigned to the same bunk I had had on the Teia Maru! This is a small world in spite of the fact that it took us ten weeks to come from China.

I'll be glad to be within reach of mail service again. For two years I received not one word from this side of the world! Is it any wonder that I am pouring over old *Alumni Magazines* with such enthusiasm?

—ELEANOR MOUNTFORD, '38.

Note—Kiyoko Oda, '38, was living at the Rivers, Arizona, relocation center before returning to Japan in order to join her family there.

Announces Another Campus Romance Fulfilled

Dear Friends:

My first Christmas in the States in two years, and with my wife—another Oberlin romance fulfilled as of November 6.*

Nearly bumped into (Ensign Robert) Harrison, '38; (Ensign) Johnny Hull, '38, was training at Notre Dame with me.

Our hearts grow more tender toward Oberlin and swell more with pride each year. I don't think President Wilkins himself realizes what a foundation he is laying for future Oberlin with his service man's program. Only the service man himself can tell what it means to receive a warm note from his college, a note full of hope at a time when there seems no hope.

—CHARLES A. COLMAN, '37.

Lieut. (jg) USNR

*Note—Mrs. Colman is the former Elizabeth A. Hull, '38.

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STRIKE OR SPARE?

. . . recently remodeled, the two bowling alleys in the Men's Building basement are a popular and ever busy part of Oberlin's enlarged recreational facilities.

SHOWN in the act of bowling is Virginia Amerio of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The girls in the background are Helen Crowder, Blackstone, Virginia; Priscilla Shaw, Hyannis, Massachusetts; and Mrs. Beatrice McGuire Smither, Pensacola, Florida. All are Conservatory Seniors living at Grey Gables. Mrs. Smither and Miss Shaw will receive their degrees on February 27, at Oberlin's Winter Commencement exercises. (See page 16.)

At the right, about to bowl, is Marine Private Norbert Carlson, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, center on Oberlin's 1943 Ohio Championship football team and formerly of Carleton College.

Other Navy men seen in the background (left to right) are: Yeoman 1/c Carl Ashley; Pvt. Joseph Pitt, Pvt. Robert Price, Pvt. Claude Klimo, Apprentice Seamen Albert Mazza and Joseph Yount.

. . . NOTICE . . .

NO ALUMNI Magazine will be issued for March, but there will be an issue of the Magazine published in August this year, so subscribers will receive the usual eight issues per year.

The Oberlin Alumni Bulletin, a tabloid size newspaper published quarterly by the College, will be mailed to all of the more than 28,000 graduates and former students about March 17.

The next Alumni Magazine will be mailed about April 10.

Attention, Men In Service!

The notice published in the January Alumni Magazine, concerning the written requests for the Magazine required from recipients having APO addresses, does not apply to anyone who already has indicated to President Wilkins' office that he wishes to receive the Magazine. Nothing more than that is required.

"Oberlinite of the Month"

AMONG the many outstandingly successful alumni who have majored in Physical Education at Oberlin, since it became a major subject in 1905, none is more distinguished than Dr. Jesse Feiring Williams, '09, who retired in 1941 as head of the department of Health and Physical Education in Teachers College, Columbia University.

Dr. Williams served as visiting professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1942-43. So well was he liked there, and so well did he and Mrs. Williams, the charming and talented Gertrude Finney, '10, like Chapel Hill, that this year he has accepted a faculty appointment as professor of physical education there.

During his undergraduate days at Oberlin, Dr. Williams was greatly interested in public speaking and athletics. He made his varsity letter in football and was a member of the baseball squad. While an undergraduate, he was an instructor in Physical Education and director of athletics for Oberlin Academy, working his entire way through college.

In his senior year, he won the North Central Oratorical contest, a great honor and achievement in those days. The band and crowds of students met him at the station on his return to Oberlin after winning the contest.

He graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, in 1915, having been assistant professor of physical education at Teachers College, while completing his medical course.

In 1916 he was appointed head of the department of Health and Physical Education at the University of Cincinnati and established the teachers course in health and physical education there.

In 1919 he returned to Teachers College and following the retirement of Dr. Thomas Wood, '88, he became head of the department of Health and Physical Education, a position he held with great distinction to the University and to himself until he retired in 1940 from the active administrative work of the department to devote himself to writing, teaching and lecturing.

Few graduates of Oberlin in the last thirty-five years have achieved the eminence and recognition that his scholarship, research, writings, teaching and speaking have brought to him. He has been in demand as a teacher and lecturer in this country and abroad. Through his teaching and extensive writing, he has unquestionably exerted a greater influence on the thought and development of health and physical ed-

ucation than any individual in this country in the past twenty-five years. He, together with Dr. Thomas Wood, established the graduate work in this field at Teachers College, Columbia. His educational philosophy has had a profound influence both in this country and abroad.

Dr. Williams has been honored by the highest offices in his own profession and in the general field of education. He served as president of the American Physical Education Association in 1932-33. In 1935-36, he was visiting Carnegie Professor of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace accredited to the Universities of Latin America.

He has been called upon to make many educational surveys both in this country and abroad. In 1924-25 he conducted a survey of the educational system of the Philippine Islands.

He has published more than thirty books and many of them have been adopted as the standard college texts in hygiene, anatomy, health education and physical education. His contributions to the literature of this field, through professional and scientific journals have been extensive.



DR. JESSE F. WILLIAMS, '09
... few graduates of Oberlin have achieved greater distinction in their chosen professions than has he

Dr. Williams is still a tough opponent in handball and a good partner in bridge. Chapel Hill is to be congratulated upon securing his services.

—J. H. NICHOLS, '11

Credit Oberlin Men for Reformation of WPB

ACCORDING to the Washington *Post* for December 16, 1943, two Oberlin graduates are among the five key officials chiefly responsible for a remarkable reformation in the efficiency of operation in WPB. The two Oberlinites are Bernard L. (Bun) Gladieux, '30, and Lyle Crane, '31. Excerpts from the article, written by Jerry Klutetz, *Post* columnist, follow:

"Efficiency and economy can happen in wartime government! War Production Board has proved it, and has proved it in telling fashion. The board's accomplishments within the past year is something for all agencies to shoot for; it's something that brings about better Government. Remember, now, a few months back when all the screwball things happened at WPB; where officials would demand plush rugs; no one knew how many employees were in the agency and what they were doing, and where money was being spent for many unauthorized activities? It's not true today.

"As late as February officials estimated it would require 32,000 employees to run the agency this year. Congress approved funds for 19,500 and the agency built up to 22,000 in March. Since that time 5500 employees have been dropped and the overall total today is about 16,600. And the boiling down process is still in operation and further reductions are in the mill.

(Three long paragraphs listed other specific examples of new efficiency and economy in WPB.)

"All this just didn't happen. Top WPB officials credit five key officials with the healthy transformation. They are Bernard Gladieux, executive assistant to Donald Nelson; Carlton Hayward, personnel director; Frank Cawley, budget officer; William Murphy, director of the division of administrative services; and Lyle Crane, organization and planning chief, who worked out the decentralization and other reorganizations.

"These key people have a constant control over expenditures. Each office is allotted so much money on a quarterly basis and by the 10th of each month statements are handed out so everyone knows where he stands. Every time any official goes over his allotment in personnel, money for printing, phone, or anything else the staff is on their neck and Nelson backs them up."

Navy Trainees Given Orders To Get More Sleep

Early morning calisthenics and the latest hour of studying at night had to be sacrificed in January by the V-12 Unit men as a means of preventing colds. Bluejackets and marines were delighted to obey this order compelling them to sleep instead at these appointed times.

Lessons Learned While Interned by the Japanese

by Robbins Strong, '34

"ANYONE from Oberlin on board?" In the quiet, calm little harbor of Marmugao in Portuguese India, the M. S. Gripsholm and the Teia Maru lay end to end. On the former were 1500 Japanese being repatriated to Japan and on the latter were 1500 Canadians and Americans coming back to this country. Two more days were to pass before the exchange was to be made. People from both ships were on the pier stretching their legs by walking along the rails and dodging the railway cars that were transferring the Red Cross shipments. Natives of Marmugao carried smaller packages from ship to ship, balancing them on their heads.

Then suddenly the question "Anyone from Oberlin on board?" was relayed up the gangplank of the Teia Maru. Indeed, there were some from Oberlin on board. And there in faraway Marmugao Oberlin graduates, some going to Japan and some coming to this country, met. Classmates met again, housemates exchanged reminiscences about Baldwin. For the first time those from the Far East learned of the V-12 program, learned that there were men living in Talcott and Baldwin; for this was our first news of Oberlin in two years, since Pearl Harbor.

Two days later the formal exchange was made, the well dressed, sleek looking Japanese with fine leather luggage and streamlined baby buggies boarded the Teia Maru, while strained looking Americans in shorts, slacks, and polo shirts, with battered suitcases and babies in fish-baskets boarded the M. S. Gripsholm. A day later the two ships parted, the Teia Maru taking the Japanese back to a Japan which they knew not, and the Gripsholm bringing us back to a United States which we knew not.

Many Still to Be Repatriated

The joy with which we became "free citizens," to use the phrase of a State Department representative, and with which we ate our first meal on the Gripsholm, a magnificent Swedish *smörgåsarbord*, was always tempered and sobered by the knowledge that we had left behind many friends, among them Oberlin people, who had not been so fortunate as we in being on this trip of the Gripsholm. For in the internment camps of the Far East there are still many Americans, many of them living for the day when there will be

another repatriation and when it will be their turn.

Often during the two years of detainment and internment by the Japanese in China we would console ourselves with the phrase from Virgil, "*Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit*."¹ Although I can not say that it is delightful to recall the things that we have been through, yet I will be forever grateful that I have had the experiences that I have, for they have been, to put it mildly, very instructive. We have learned many lessons, yes, lessons in an internment camp.

It has helped me to understand the peoples of Europe and of Asia, to understand some of the fire and searching that they are going through in the present world upheaval. I can not understand the full depth to which many of them have been stirred, for through it all we were conscious of the fact that we were under the care of a protecting power, the Swiss. The rules of international intercourse and custom did not entirely break down, so that in our protecting power we always had the feeling that someone was looking out for our interests, a feeling that the Chinese and the occupied peoples of Europe do not have, a feeling that Americans in the Philippines do not have.

On Being a Refugee

But I do have an understanding of what it means to be a refugee, one whose passport is of no use, one who can only travel by the whim of the conquering power, one who lives always in uncertainty because he does not know what new edict or proclamation may change his status and living conditions. And yet we never felt the full measure of despair that has been meted out to the Jewish refugees or the White Russians in the Far East. We were still citizens of the United States and knew some place where we were wanted.

I have a bit of an understanding of what it feels like to be homeless, moved from one place to another, living in a room here and a room there, but without any ongoing sense of family or community. I know what it is like to lose most of your personal possessions, to realize how little they really matter in the basic relationships of life, that we had some place to go back to,

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¹Perchance even these things it will be delightful hereafter to remember.



"THE STRONGHOLD"

... Tracy Burr, eight pounds and one ounce, was born at the internment center, Weihsien, Shantung, August 6, 1943, and arrived in New York City aboard the M. S. Gripsholm on December 1, 1943

WHEN the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred, Rev. and Mrs. Robbins Strong were in the Chinese City at Tientsin where they had settled only the month before in their own home and with all of their own belongings for the first time in their married life. Placed under the custody of Japanese guards on December 8, 1941, they were moved to the British Concession together with all other enemy aliens in that area, on January 13, 1942; and on March 29, 1943, they were transferred to internment at Weihsien, Shantung. They left Shanghai on the *Teia Maru* in September, 1943, only six weeks after the birth of Tracy Burr Strong.

Rev. Mr. Strong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Strong (Edith Robbins), '08, was an Oberlin Shansi representative from 1934 to 1937, received his M.A. degree in 1938 from the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology and his B.D. degree from Yale Divinity School in 1940, and returned to China in the fall of 1940 as a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, studying the Chinese language in Peiping until moving to Tientsin.

After March 1 of this year, Rev. Mr. Strong will be engaged in promotional and deputation work for the American Board. The Strong's are now living in Oberlin, at 229 North Pleasant Street.

Mrs. Strong is the former Katherine Stiven, '38, daughter of Professor ('07) and Mrs. F. B. Stiven. Before her marriage in September, 1939, she was a business girls secretary for the Cleveland Y. W. C. A.

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and yet how hard it is to have to part with them.

"We Were Not Forgotten"

I have an inkling of what it is like to live behind barbed wire, to be in prison. I know what it is to be an enemy alien, to be one of the persecuted, one of the hated; that is, to be on the other side of the picture from what we usually are. And yet I will never understand fully what that was like, for we knew that we were never forgotten. Our government, through the good graces of the Swiss, was always concerned about what happened to us. Friends, the Red Cross, and other agencies did what they could to help. We were not forgotten as are thousands of people in other parts of the world.

I know what it is like to live in a society where all of the normal and accepted values are being reversed. Money, because of the inflation, had little value. Material things, particularly food, were of much more importance and one did not think twice about buying something when he could find it. The price made little difference. It is a society in which no man plans for the future, for no man knows what the future holds. We learned to live for the day, and that day alone. This is a world in which all that was stable is rocking and being swept away.

Let me give just one illustration of that. In Tientsin there has long been a number of foreign concessions: British, Italian, French, etc. After the first world war the Russian and German concessions were handed back to the Chinese, but are still popularly known as the "Ex-German Concession," etc. During the first month of the war all enemy aliens in the Tientsin area had to register at the Japanese Gendarmerie, giving details as to their family, residence, property and other things. While I was doing this there was at the other end of the counter a British gentleman with the same purpose. He must have been about fifty-five, quite dignified, impeccably dressed, a man of considerable poise and stature. He was an Old China Hand, one of those who have made the saying true that "the sun never sets on British soil." Probably most of his life had been spent in the British Concession, which is to all intents and purposes a little bit of Britain set down in China. Across the counter from him was a Japanese non-commissioned officer, sloppily dressed, with his tunic unbuttoned and wearing bedroom slippers, as so many Japanese do in the office. He was a man of about twenty-two, chosen for this job only because of his knowledge of English. Came the question:

"Where do you live?"

"The British Concession."

"Where?" in a loud voice.

"The British Concession." This in an abashed tone.

"WHERE?" In a shout.

"The British Concession." He was hardly able to get it out.

"You mean the EX-British Concession." This in a final roar.

It was almost humorous to watch this outpost of the British Empire falter and waver before the loud-voiced Japanese officer. But it was tragic. For in that incident all that the British gentleman had lived for and worked for and believed in was crumpled up and thrown out. The thing that had given meaning to his life and had been the whole background of it was gone, crushed, stamped out, probably never to be built again. The world was really coming down about him.

World Can Never Be the Same

That is the first lesson that I learned, that the world is now coming down about us. I had known this for some time in a sort of metaphysical, philosophical sense, but it was now made personal in a way that it had never been before. Life can never again be the same, even when we are victors in the present war.

The second lesson that I learned is even more important, namely that in the midst of the turmoil and out of it a new world is being born. The oppressed and occupied peoples of the world are still living and thinking and working. They are evolving a new life. It is quite possible that the future of the world will be determined much more by what these "lost" peoples are groping for than what the refugee governments in exile plan for them, divorced from the actualities of the life of their people.

We felt something of this rebuilding while we were in internment camp. For some strange reason enemy aliens in North China were not interned until March of 1943. The internment camp experience might very well be compared to the possibility of realizing the dream of the 18th century social philosophers. You will recall that they wanted to take a small group of like-minded people out into the wilderness and there build their own community life along lines that they wanted. The difference was that they went because they wanted to, and we went because we were taken. We also went with no preconceived ideas of what we would develop, for internment camp was like Heaven in the sense that you don't know what it will be like until you get there, and even after you have been there it is almost impossible to describe it to one who has not been there.

Life in the Internment Camp

As far as the internal running of the camp went there was practically no in-

terference on the part of the Japanese. As long as we stayed inside of the walls and behaved ourselves they did not bother us. We saw little of the guards, consular police and not soldiers, except at the daily roll call. For the running of the camp we had our own committees, concerned with health, education, housing, finance, engineering, supplies, general affairs (a catch-all committee which dealt with anything that did not come under any other committee), and, yes, a committee on discipline. Incidentally the Japanese guards were not supposed to enter our rooms unless one of our own discipline committee was present.

Under the guidance of these committees, but entirely by our own efforts, we soon had going both the British and American school systems, a series of lectures, concerts and plays, and a comprehensive curriculum of adult education classes in everything from Manchu to Thomistic Philosophy. The shell of a hospital in the compound where we were located was cleaned out, staffed, and organized. Soft-ball, volley-ball, and basketball leagues were started. The Church was kept busy with an alternation of Catholic, Anglican and Free Church services. Food supplies were brought to the gate and from there we took charge. Cooking, butchering, baking, stoking, water pumping, vegetable preparation and food serving were just a few of the jobs connected with the preparation of food for our consumption. Others worked as carpenters, electricians, barbers, tailors, shoe repairers and the 101 other jobs that are necessary to any small community.

United by Common Task

Every able bodied person in camp was expected to, and did, contribute three or four hours of labor a day to the welfare of the camp as a whole. For this no one expected to be paid. In return we all received our share of the food. We lived as a community, and not as individuals each intent only upon his own good. The common task which faced all of us, united us over and above our differences of nationality, religion, and economic background. There were 450 Catholic fathers and sisters in camp and none of us will soon forget the example they helped set in pitching into the harder and dirtier jobs of camp and contributing to the life of the group as a whole.

A Fellowship of Common Suffering

As a Protestant missionary, the contacts and friendships that I formed with Catholic missionaries on the one hand, and the foreign business community in China on the other, will be invaluable in the future. Our common predicament brought us together in a way and on a basis that would have been impos-

... News of the Faculty ...

The Saturday Review of Literature for January 1 contains a long and favorable review of *The History of Oberlin College from Its Foundation to the Civil War*, by Professor Robert S. Fletcher, '20. The review was written by Henry J. Haskell, '96, editor of the *Kansas City Star*.

A Treasury of Science, edited by the distinguished Harvard astronomer Harlow Shapley includes an extract from the book, "Deserts on the March," by Professor Paul B. Sears of the Oberlin Botany Department. The book contains selections from the works of some of the world's greatest scientists, including Einstein, Darwin, Huxley, Jeans, Hogenben, Eddington and Haldane.

Several members of the Oberlin faculty have contributed recently to Modern Language Association activities. "The Teaching of Literature in Elementary Language Classes" is the title of an article by John W. Kurtz of the German department, in an issue of the *Modern Language Journal*. The December issue of the *Publications of the Modern Language Association* contains an article by Ralph H. Singleton, '23, entitled "Milton's *Comus* and the *Comus* of Eurycius Puteanus." Professor Robert A. Jelliffe of the English department presented a paper on a Chaucer theme, "Cressida Laughs," at the regional meeting of the Association held at Western Reserve University on January 8. President Wilkins has been made a member of the executive council of the Association.

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sible before the war, for now we are all fellow alumni of the internment camp. And I believe that all around the world there are being formed groups of that sort: the fellowship of the bombed, the fellowship of the internee, the fellowship of the prisoner of war, the fellowship of the homeless. For common suffering shared creatively is uniting people on a new and deeper level.

We have learned that the essential things in life are simple food, a bed, a chance to play and worship, and a chance to work for the welfare of some community and feel that you are a part of it, no matter how small or restricted that community is. A common job is the thing that really makes a community, and not the ties of blood, religion, history, or creed.

Must Hear Voices of the Downtrodden

What does all of this mean for the United States? At present the United

A student post-war discussion group has been organized this year and has been holding meetings every Friday night at the Y building. Members of the faculty and visiting lecturers have assisted. Professors Warren Taylor, Philip Bishop, Paul B. Sears, and Walter M. Horton have been recent guest speakers.

Professor L. Guy Brown of the sociology department contributed an article entitled "The Working Philosophy for the Probation and Parole Officer" to the December 1943 issues of the *Federal Probation Quarterly*.

Professor F. W. Kaufman of the German department and Professor Wolfgang Stechow of the fine arts department talked on "The Humanities Between the Two Wars in Europe," at an open meeting of the Humanities Division on January 5.

The December 1943 *Bulletin* of the American Association of University Professors contains an article by Edward Fiess, instructor in English, on the subject "The Writer as Democrat."

Professor Allan B. Cole of the history department spoke on the "Axis in Asia" for the department of education of the Woman's Club on January 17.

Northwestern University has recently published, in pamphlet form, a lecture on "The Function of the College of Liberal Arts," delivered there last May by Dean Carl F. Wittke of Oberlin as the Norman Wait Harris Foundation lecture.

States is admired for her material strength, her economic might and her productive capacity. But these things do not command respect. If the United States is to play its role in the world of the future it must have the respect of the world. That is only gained through spiritual and moral leadership. Those are the things that the world is now looking for and crying out for. If we are able to furnish that, we need have no worry about our future. But unless we are able to understand and feel the forces that are rising up in the peoples of the conquered countries, we will not be able to give them leadership of any sort. We will be speaking an entirely different language and what we say will have no effect.

There is at present much talk about post-war planning and what *we* want to set up, but unless into this planning there comes somehow the voices of the suffering, of the persecuted, of the downtrodden peoples of the world our planning will come to naught.



J. JEFFERY AUER

... named honor man for his company in boot camp

A NEWS release from Great Lakes Naval Training station reports that Jeffery Auer graduated from recruit training early in January as honor man of his company. Head of the public speaking department at Oberlin, he has been granted a leave of absence for the duration of the war.

Auer was elected an honors candidate by fellow bluejackets and was selected as honor man by his company commander on the basis of military aptitude and progress. Completing his basic training as an apprentice seaman, he has been recommended to attend Gunner's Mate School for further specialized training.

Drs. J. H. Nichols, '11, and W. R. Morrison, '10, attended a conference of the Midwest College Directors of Physical Education in Chicago on January 21.

At a symposium on "The Platform and the Man We Want for Representative to Congress," held January 24 and sponsored by the World Citizenship Movement, Professor John W. Kurtz spoke for the democrats and John C. Kennedy, '27, for the World Citizens. Professor Stidley of the Theological school presided over the meeting.

The fifth edition of *Second Year College Chemistry*, by emeritus professor Wm. H. Chapin, has been published recently. It has been revised by Professor L. E. Steiner, '24.

Emeritus Professor L. E. Lord, '97,

recently attended meetings in New York of the Archaeological Institute and American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

Mr. Donald F. Brown, instructor in Romance Languages has accepted a position as associate professor and head of the Spanish department at MacMurray college, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Miss Marguerite Woodworth, Dean of Women, attended the January 17 and 18 meeting on postwar planning in the colleges, called by the dean of women of Ohio State University. Those in attendance were the deans of women and personnel advisers of Ohio colleges and Universities.

Professor Walter M. Horton recently attended the first meeting of a branch of the Institute For Religious Studies held in cooperation with the University of Chicago. The branch was started in New York to enable ministers of all faiths to study under eminent theologians of other denominations.

Professor Horton spoke on "Religion and the Post-War World." President Robert M. Hutchins, x'19, of the University of Chicago presided over the meetings, of which the general subject was "Religious and Philosophical Bases of World Construction."

Two new books have been published recently by Professor Clarence Tucker Craig. "One God—One World" is the title of one volume in the Pioneering Church Series. The other is a larger work, "The Beginning of Christianity" which gives an account of the earliest development of Christianity and is "a valuable guide to the serious student of the New Testament."

Professor Leonard A. Stidley of the Graduate School of Theology spoke recently at the annual meeting of the Phillis Wheatley Center Community Council. He discussed the problem of integrating the community center program into the life of Oberlin's community so that all Oberlin citizens can share more in the activities.

At the chapel service on January 13, John C. Kennedy, '27, assistant director of the Conservatory, read "The Need of Religion," by the late Kemper Fullerton, professor of Old Testament Language and Literature in the Graduate School of Theology from 1904-1934. The talk, which appears in Professor Fullerton's *Essays and Sketches*, was written as a protest against a *Review* editorial stating that there was no urgent need for religion on the campus. Fullerton protested the complacency with which that situation was accepted and said that man's life is empty without religion.

Emeritus Professor W. K. Breckenridge, '88, played appropriate music for



ORVILLE LINDQUIST, '01
... finds that great pianists and
great athletes have much in
common

TWO nationally known sports magazines, *Golfing* and *Baseball*, have carried articles written by Orville Lindquist, '01, emeritus professor of piano in the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The articles deal with Professor Lindquist's hobby, the study of those problems of technique which he finds to be common to pianists and athletes alike.

"In golf, baseball and piano playing," says Mr. Lindquist, "the player is faced with the same muscular problem; that is, always to keep the shoulder muscles and upper arms relaxed." Relaxation, no matter what the sport, is fundamental to good performance, he declares.

The article in *Golfing* for April 1942, was entitled "A Pianist's View of Tension"; that in *Baseball* for January 1944, "The Hands on Knees Stance of the Infielder."

Mr. Lindquist's first sports article, "An X-Ray View of Pressing," appeared in *Baseball* in September, 1940. Roland "Kickpoo" Logan, trainer of such famous champions as Glenn Cunningham, "Lefty" Grove, Jimmie Foxx, and others, was at that time head trainer of athletics at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point. He wrote to Mr. Lindquist, after reading the article, saying it was the "best article on relaxation in athletics" he had ever read.

each of the countries represented in an "Around the World in Menu" luncheon at the Oberlin First Methodist church on January 5. The luncheon consisted of Russian soup, Syrian salad, African rolls, Philippine desert, and Chinese Chop Suey.

One of the musical treats of Decem-

ber was Professor Arthur Poister's organ recital in Warner Concert Hall. In January he played two out-of-town programs, one at Illinois Wesleyan College in Bloomington and the other at the Bach Festival in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Miss Claire Coci, assistant professor of organ, played recently at Elmhurst College, Illinois. During February, she will play at Ward-Belmont School in Nashville, at Wilson College in Chambersburg, and in Detroit.

Emeritus Professor Karl Gehrken, who now lives in northern Michigan, returned to Elk Rapids recently from Chicago where he went to deliver a series of lectures on the history and philosophy of music education at Northwestern University. The December issue of *The American School Board Journal* carried an article entitled "Music in Wartime," by Dr. Gehrken.

Men's Glee Club Is Larger

The Men's Glee Club Home Concert was given on January 29. The chorus of 50 is larger than usual this year because of members from the V-12 Unit.

New Year's Day Faculty-Student Variety Show Is Popular Success

Three o'clock permissions, a formal dance at Hales gymnasium and a student-faculty variety show in Finney Chapel helped Oberlin students to celebrate their second New Year's holiday in Oberlin. Applause from a packed house on Saturday night pronounced the New Year's Day Revue one of the most successful in recent years.

One of the highlights of the program was a potato race in which William Seaman, '24, director of admissions, ran off with the prize hen, defeating John Kennedy, '27, assistant director of the Conservatory, and Philip Bishop of the economics department.

A can-can dance by Navy Unit men, a trio, a chorus of Gables Glamour Girls, a Hawaiian dance by grass-skirted Jean Protheroe, WSGL president, and Jean Whitehead, *Review* editor, and music by Arthur Dann and Dave Cramer's band completed the program.

James Hall and Warren Taylor On Watch Night Program

A community Watch Night Service was held in First Church at 11:30 on New Year's Eve, in which the local churches and student Y's cooperated. The church was open at 11:00 p.m. for meditation. Professor James Hall was the organist and Professor Warren Taylor the speaker. A number of students left the various social affairs they were attending to spend that period in the church and returned to the parties.

Faculty Members Discuss The Future of Liberal Education

Reported by Ella C. Parmenter, '15

IN THE "talk of many things" that goes on today, the liberal arts college and liberal education are well to the fore. Professional magazines, columnists, newspaper editorial writers, radio commentators, preachers, are as busy in this field as educators themselves, which indicates the widespread interest and deep concern felt. Extremists and experimenters sometimes make themselves heard above the voices of the men and women to whom a liberal education is not a venture that didn't quite "come off" but a continuing and vital "part of the cultural pattern of a free America."

The faculty of Oberlin College have not been coasting on Oberlin's past. Months ago they began a thoughtful study and re-appraisal of liberal education and this particular liberal arts college. Last June the *Alumni Magazine* contained a statement on "Liberal Training and the War," to which alumni might well refer again at this time. That statement concluded with a re-affirmation of Oberlin College's "faith in the discipline of the liberal arts and sciences as the most reliable and lasting means of giving motive power and direction to the efforts of men to make their lives worth living." It expressed, for the college, a determination to "re-examine its methods of instruction, interpretation, and integration so that its graduates may better maintain a social conscience and may better aid in enlarging positive human good."

Oberlin's Aims

On page 8, Section II of the Oberlin College *Bulletin* published last July, there is the following statement of the "Aims of Oberlin College with reference to its students." Those aims are:

- To train them in the methods of thinking and in the use of the main tools of thought;
- To acquaint them with the main fields of human interest and to direct them in the acquisition of knowledge therein;
- To guide them in the interpretation of knowledge;
- To afford them intensive training, and to encourage creative activity, within a chosen field;
- To prepare them for further study or (within certain limits) for occupation after college;
- To establish in them the habit of continuous scholarly growth;
- To develop their power to enjoy, and to create the beautiful;

- To develop their physical and mental health;
- To develop their social resourcefulness;
- To develop their moral and religious life;
- To prepare them for intelligent, effective, and loyal participation in the life of the family, community, nation, and the international order.

From these aims stem the curricular requirements—seven fields of interest, in one of which a student majors and in the others takes one or more subjects so that, in addition to his principal interest, he has some knowledge of all the other major fields. The seven divisions are: the physical sciences; the biological sciences; psychology; the social sciences; language, mathematics, and logic; literature, the fine arts, and music; philosophy and religion.

Open Discussion Series

The re-appraisal of the liberal arts college which began a year ago was but a beginning. The study and discussion have continued, increasing in depth and value. This term, the Humanities Division instituted a series of open meetings at which members of the faculty have talked—and will talk—about different aspects of the subject. President E. H. Wilkins, Professor Emeritus Oscar Jászi, Professor Paul B. Sears, Dean Carl F. Wittke, Professor F. W. Kaufmann, Professor W. Stechow have already spoken at these meetings. Their topics indicate the scope of the talks—"The Humanistic Values in Liberal Education"; "The Humanities"; "The Social Sciences"; "The Natural Sciences"; "Liberal Education and the War"; "The Humanities in Europe Between Two Wars."

Will Be in Print

The full text of these, and perhaps other talks, will be made available in printed form. For the present, we offer only a few selected points from them. They have made it clear that humanistic and scientific values cannot be set apart as unrelated factors in segments of liberal education. Humanistic values appear in the social and natural sciences, and vice versa. Each of the three types of values is present in each of the three fields. Humanism today must have democratic significance. It is applied to that which concerns man as man, moving forward in intellectual and spiritual development to gain true manliness, combining intelligence and altruism, each developed to the highest possibility.



THE BROTHERS REDDIN

... what will Oberlin offer them after the war?

TYPICAL of the hundreds of Oberlin students now in uniform whose plans for study have been strangely altered by the war, are Apprentice Seaman George Reddin, now of the Oberlin V-12 unit, and his brother, Pvt. Daniel Reddin, '45. Dan left Oberlin in his junior year to join the Army, and is now on maneuvers in Tennessee.

It is in order to best serve the post-war educational needs of such boys as these that members of the Oberlin faculty are now carefully reconsidering, in the light of practical lessons learned from the war, the values and purposes and place of the liberal arts curriculum.

For such development, language, literature, music, the fine arts, philosophy and religion are all essential. Respectively they offer the means of communion, the treasure house of human experience, projection into realms for which there are no words or visible signs, a guide to knowledge, and advance from idols to ideals. The humanistic values give to social science "the concept of human dignity, of justice, of conscience, of right and wrong." In natural science, the humanistic values relate men to the orderly universe in which they live and show them that they themselves are not unworthy to know the laws by which it operates. In science, properly taught, there is a matchless opportunity to weld the life of the mind to the life of the working hands of men. To miss this opportunity would be a grave matter.

The war has forced liberal education into strange patterns, putting more than normal emphasis on some subjects and subordinating, in some degree, in-

dividual intelligence to command from above. Through this temporary pressure of war it is imperative to hold on vigorously to the time-honored values of liberal education, to effect such changes as prove to be wise by the evolutionary process and not "because of what the excitement and passions of war had to contribute."

Disclaim Blame for War

To blame the war wholly on the failure of education—and notably liberal education—as some critics do, is to neglect items on the right side of the ledger of the last twenty-five years, for which the colleges and universities are entitled to full measure of credit. For example, there is less unthinking emotionalism in this war than in the last, "particularly among those who have been students in the last quarter century." There are fewer slogans, more seriousness, more sense of responsibility, more recognition of the dangers that lie in even a victorious war.

Quotes Dean Wittke

"Colleges, rightly conceived," said Dean Wittke, "are the nation's 'Invisible preparedness' against political and social bankruptcy. They should supply the torch of democracy with the spiritual oxygen necessary to sustain the processes of decent, cooperative living. Colleges, in a democracy, should prepare men to live in a free society." The intangibles of a liberal education "cannot be measured by the conventional educational tests, but they are easily recognized where they actually exist, and where these objectives have been achieved, they transform and enrich the whole human enterprise, for they are concerned not only with intelligence and the data of the textbooks, but with the endless quest for truth, beauty, justice, honor, service and good will."

The talks at the open meetings of the Humanities Division are not the only ones dealing with this subject. At a meeting of the Social Science Club last fall three illuminating papers on "The Future of Liberal Education" were presented by J. H. Adler, Fred Foreman and Warren Taylor. Reminding listeners that the kind of world we have after the war is within "our choice," these speakers outlined some of the dangers to liberal education and some of the remedies. Among the latter was emphasis on the teaching qualifications of teachers, not knowledge alone, and the need in colleges for men with social consciences. Intelligent awareness of other fields of knowledge and of their relationship to each other were urged.

Postwar Challenge

In the education of returned soldiers, who will have a different attitude toward college than the usual undergrad-

... Alumni Club News ...

Oberlinites in Washington, D. C. Area Plan Dinner for March 7

All Oberlin graduates and former students in the Washington, D. C., area are invited to attend the dinner meeting being planned for the evening of Tuesday, March 7, by the *Oberlin Alumni Club of Washington*.

The dinner will be served in Barker Hall at the Y. W. C. A. Building, 17th and K streets N. W. The charge is \$1.35 per plate. Reservations may be secured through Mrs. William G. Smith (Jeanette Williams, '39), 532 20th Street N.W.

The principal speaker will be Dr. Luther Gulick, '14, Oberlin trustee and distinguished authority on public administration, who played a leading role as United States representative at the United Nations Conference on Relief and Rehabilitation recently held in Atlantic City. Ralph H. Cheney, '98, will preside.

Cleveland-Oberlin Women Sponsor Program for Intercollegiate Group

A Christmas program presented on the afternoon of December 18 for the intercollegiate group of The College Club of Cleveland, by a group of students from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, was enthusiastically received. The *Cleveland-Oberlin Women's Club* sponsored the program.

Prof. George Waln directed the program. Participating were Charlotte Bloecher, soprano; Edith Kader, pianist; and the Oberlin Woodwind Ensemble, consisting of Marion Widowsen, flute; Gayle Choate, oboe; Mr. Waln, clarinet; Theodore Bloomfield, French horn; Jean Cooper, bassoon; and Beryl Ladd, piano. Miss Ladd substituted for Jean Steadman, who was ill.

Omaha Club Hears Annapolis Midshipman; Selects New Committee

The *Oberlin Alumni Association of Omaha* met for a Christmas dinner party on the evening of December 29,

uate, there will be great challenge and opportunity. These students will be more critical and more impatient toward inadequate courses. They will be willing to work hard, but they will demand good teachers. These requirements must be met. "We want no lost generation this time."

1943. Midshipman Robert A. Marmet, '46, of Annapolis gave a resume of his year at Oberlin.

A new committee to carry on the work of the Omaha Oberlinites was chosen as follows: Mary Elizabeth Hamilton, '21, chairman; Mrs. John D. Banks (Marie Dawe, '38); Mrs. Joseph P. Stocker, '24.

Other Oberlinites who attended were Mrs. Emmet S. Brumbaugh (Maud Gray, '07-10; Miss Harriet Curtis, '20; Miss Emma Ellsworth, '14; Miss Mary Ellsworth, '11-12; Harley G. Moorehead, '99; Jesse P. Palmer (Acad. '99-02); William H. Smalls, '10; Miss Marian L. Treat, '20; and Miss Esther Howe (M.A. '43).

Reber Johnson and Barbara Clark Present Musical Program In Chicago

An annual musicale has become a regular feature program for the *Oberlin Women's Club of Chicago* and it is often its most popular one. Ever since Prof. Reber Johnson gave a musicale there nine years ago, there have been many requests to have him again. This opportunity came on the afternoon of January 15, when he and Miss Barbara Clark, '42, also of the Conservatory faculty, gave a musicale at the Rufus Rorem home.

Between fifty and sixty were present. Although Mrs. Rorem is (strictly speaking) an in-law of Oberlin, she couldn't have entertained her guests more graciously if they had been her own fellow alumnae, according to a Chicago correspondent.

Robert Bartlett Collaborates in Writing Successful Chinese Drama

A pageant-drama, "Chinese Romance," written by Dr. Robert M. Bartlett, '21, and Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, was presented on January 14 and 15 in Lansing, Michigan, as a benefit for Mme. Chiang's orphan project. Dr. Bartlett is pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Lansing.

The part of Madame Chiang was played by Mrs. W. H. King, Jr., (Evelyn Mackey, '28).

More than 2000 attended the two performances and the reviewers were enthusiastic. Representatives of Time and Life Magazines attended and are interested in publicizing the production nationally. It attempts to interpret China's modern leaders and China's struggle for freedom. The drama is played in three acts and 13 scenes.

"Our Nathaniel Dett"

by Donald Morrison, '10

ROBERT Nathaniel Dett signed his name R. Nathaniel Dett. And with a droll expression he would say, "I have a wonderful mother—now who but she would have thought of 'R' sounding like 'our,' or that any school would ever want to call me 'Our Nathaniel Dett?'"

Yet within a brief period of years after his graduation from the Conservatory, Oberlin took pride in thinking of him as "Our Nathaniel Dett."

This same fine mother told him as parting advice on his leaving home for Oberlin, "Boy, know your place." And by that she meant, "Be yourself, and make your place."

He was my friend and associate, but he liked best to be with the people of his own race. He was absorbed in the music of his race, and in its future. "The volume and beauty of our music is endless," he once said. "I'll take off its shackles of dialect, and the world will know it as great music."

His coming to Oberlin was providential. He early told me of his meeting with his benefactor Frederick H. Goff, former President of the Cleveland Trust Company, and of what an inspiration this man's confidence was to him.

But his great good fortune was to find in Oberlin the pianist who made an artist of him as player, and the composition teacher who gave him the technical foundation and spiritual fervor on which his later works as a composer rested.

The piano teacher was George Carl Hastings, '00, a man with exceptional force of personality and strength of character. One of our finest teachers, Hastings had just returned from his European study, tremendously enthusiastic about Theodor Wihmayer, a great teacher he had found in Germany.

Dett was his first graduate student, and for four years into his receptive brain and nimble fingers Hastings poured the published works of Wihmayer, and the power of his own creative teaching. At his graduation Dett was a pianist of distinction.

As a student he was constantly improvising. If you stepped into his practice room, he played while he talked, his left hand weaving up and down with uncanny speed and skill. If he was concocting mischief, he had one

particular tune he'd toss about from one key to another. Asked once what it was he called it "Just some foolishness." This particular bit of "foolishness" turned out to be the "Juba Dance."

Ada Hastings, the wife of George Carl, was one of the most brilliant soloists in the history of the Conservatory. The ease with which she would play was a constant challenge to Dett. He asked her to play a piano number on his senior composition recital, and then went to work with the avowed purpose of writing something that she would "actually have to practice."

So, using that uncanny left hand of his as a "secret weapon" he accomplished his design. And after long hours of teaching, Mrs. Hastings would retire to her room and dig out the unholy passages, while Dett capered outside in the hall.

His teacher in composition was George Andrews, and to him may be attributed the greatness of Dett as a composer in the field of choral music.

Those of you who saw the "Constant Nymph" will remember the improvisations of the old music master (created of course at his leisure by the composer Korngold). Dr. Andrews had in actuality this amazing gift for improvisation, and one who has studied composition with him can never forget how the head would lift and the hands sweep over the keyboard as he would proceed to show you what could be done with the theme brought to him.

With an intensely religious nature, he truly "Felt the Spirit" as he improvised on the wealth of themes brought in by this young genius Dett, working untold hours in building the adequate technical equipment and musical judgment that made Dett's later works a lasting contribution to his race, and to his generation of world music.

Dett achieved honors and distinctions in abundance: the honorary Doctor of Music degree from Oberlin and from Howard University; the Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music; the Frances Boot Music Prize, the Bowdoin Literary Prize, both from Harvard University; and the First Award in Music, given by the Harmon Foundation.

His "Chariot Jubilee," for eight part



R. NATHANIEL DETT, '08

... distinguished artist, composer and director

chorus, orchestra and tenor soloist, had its premiere in Syracuse, with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Howard Lyman. "The Ordering of Moses," his latest and most ambitious work, had its premiere at the Cincinnati Festival on May 8, 1937, with Frederick Jagel as Moses, the performance under the direction of Alfred Hartzell.

During the year 1929 he toured Europe with his Hampton Institute Choir. While in London they sang in Queen's Hall, Westminster Abbey, and at a special concert sponsored by the American ambassador, Mr. Dawes, in honor of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald. On the Continent they gave concerts in Belgium, Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria, including Salzburg.

His published works included compositions for piano, choruses, songs for solo voice, art songs, and two sonatas for piano.

His death occurred on October 2, 1943, in a hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan, after a heart attack. For him, let us think that he died a normal death—having his full power, and in the act of conducting his own works with the intensity of a great talent that consumes its own body, saving it from the slow disintegration of an old age.

Famed New York Pastor Leads Annual Religious Conference

Oberlin's annual Religious Conference was held January 27 and 28 under the leadership of Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. "Religion — Weakness or Strength?" was the theme of the conference. Dr. Buttrick spoke on the topics "Why Believe in God?," "Do We Need the Church?," "Ethics and This Jesus," and "Christianity in the New World Order." The topics were chosen as a result of specific questions raised by students in recent months.

NOTE—R. Nathaniel Dett died at the age of 60 on Saturday, October 2, in Battle Creek, Michigan, following a heart attack. He had been called to Battle Creek to organize a chorus made up of members of the Women's Army Corps stationed at nearby Fort Custer. He was born on October 11, 1882, at Niagara Falls.

... Under the Elms ...

Borer Attacks Six Campus Elms, They Fall to the Ax

Six of Oberlin's campus elms are now lighting up dormitory fireplaces. Many students, faculty and townspeople watched the traditional elms fall to the ax with a sense of sorrow at the loss of familiar Oberlin landmarks.

Lester S. Ries, superintendent of buildings and grounds, hastened to assure spectators that removing these diseased trees (elm borer and beetle) was only a safeguard for neighboring elms and promised that new trees will be planted to replace them.

Four of the stricken trees are located along Tappan Walk, one on Allen Hospital lawn, and one near Carnegie Library.

President Wilkins Addresses First 1944 Chapel Service

At the first chapel service of the New Year on January 4, President Wilkins reviewed the most important events of 1943 and forecast the events of 1944. He prophesied victory in Europe in 1944, provided all phases of the war effort were maintained, and a development of post-war planning. He warned that we must fight not only the external axis, Germany and Japan, but also the internal axis, isolation, poverty, and group prejudice.

Students "Go Hungry" Tuesday Evenings To Aid Friends Service Committee

Following a vote of approval by 97 percent of the civilian student body, ration meals are again being served in dining halls on Tuesday evenings. The \$55.00 thus saved each week will go to the Friends Service Committee to be used where there is the greatest need. This plan saved \$1,498.05 last year to feed children in France.

Walter Anderson Returns to Campus to Demonstrate Power Of Spirituals

Walter Anderson, '37, director of music at Karamu House in Cleveland, spoke on "The Place of the Spiritual in the Music to Come" at the College Vesper service on January 7. He described the American idiom in music by illustrating Negro folk tunes at the piano.

That evening "Andy" led a crowd of well over 100 at "Rec" in group singing. By chanting the words first and then letting the group join in, he quickly taught them the words and made it

sound like a well-rehearsed program. He tried to keep the singing of the spirituals in the mood of the spirituals themselves. Some of the spirituals were conducted in regular old-fashioned revival meeting style with verses by Andy at the piano and choruses and clapping by his enthusiastic audience.

In addition to leading all choral groups, composing and arranging music for the modern dancers, and directing all music at Karamu House, a Negro settlement project in Cleveland, Mr. Anderson has found time in recent years to tour the Middle West as a concert pianist.

Plans for Nonpartisan Convention Develop Rapidly; Officers Selected

Oberlin's 1944 Nonpartisan Convention is off to a good start, under the slogan "Beyond All Parties—The Common Good." Jane Crowe, a senior from Lakewood, Ohio, is the convention's national chairman. The national secretary is Gloria Gordon of White Plains, New York. National treasurer is Edmund Platt of Pleasant Ridge, Michigan. Apprentice Seaman Jay S. Johnson of Middletown, Ohio, is platform chairman.

In charge of publicity is Mrs. Enid Cogan Johnson of New York City. Stanley Schuman of St. Louis is symposium chairman and Apprentice Seaman Paul Modic is chairman for the various interest groups.

The first four officers constitute the Board of Directors, which is now busy acquainting all members with their specific tasks and setting up the machinery for the convention itself.

"National headquarters" for the Convention have been established at 49 South Main street, Oberlin, in one of the store rooms under the Oberlin School of Commerce.

The method of representation at the Convention, by interest groups, was chosen by student vote.

The Symposia Committee decided to divide the preliminary program into seven parts, each dealing with a vital problem of international or domestic interest. The first Symposium will take place early in February and the topic will be Public Opinion. The other six, following at two-week intervals, will deal with Labor, International Organization, Minority Problems, Trade and Tariff, Social Security and American Policy. In addition to the leaders of these groups (Mary Schreiner, A/S Sheldon Kiselik, A/S Don Lyman and



JANE CROWE, '44

... as national chairman of Oberlin's first wartime Nonpartisan Convention, she succeeds a long line of able men who have been chairmen of Oberlin's famed Mock Conventions of the past, including (to name those of comparatively recent years) Dick Davis, '40; Carl Helms, '36; Elliott Grabill, '32; Louis Peirce, '28; and Ralph Andrews, '25.

Betty Sobel, Emily Purvis, Bruce Smith and A/S Alan McCall respectively) there will be outside speakers chosen with the idea of giving authoritative knowledge on the subject under discussion rather than of molding student opinion. In other words, nonpartisan information, not partisan propaganda, is desired.

Many details remain to be worked out. Students already appointed to various positions are asking for volunteers to help in making and carrying out further plans. A huge poster, displayed in Finney Chapel when the first plans were presented, indicated the big possibilities recognized. Slogans used include "Student Convention Plans Go to Press," "One World," "Oberlin Goes Non-Partisan," "Needed: World Planning," "World Comes to Oberlin," "The Time Is Now."

One of the speakers said, "We mean to bring the big issues and big names to the campus. American youth and American education are facing big issues. It is our job to tackle the problems of reconstruction facing the world."

Death of Mrs. Elisabeth Severance Allen Prentiss Saddens Oberlin

The death of Mrs. Elisabeth Severance Allen Prentiss of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 4, brought sorrow to Oberlin College and community.

A wise and generous philanthropist, it was Mrs. Prentiss who gave to Oberlin the funds for the construction of the Allen Memorial Hospital and the Allen Memorial Art Museum in memory of her first husband, Dr. Dudley Peter Allen, '75.

Mrs. Prentiss, a Wellesley College Alumna, was the daughter of the late Louis H. Severance, an Oberlin trustee from 1892 to 1913 and donor of Severance Chemical Laboratory built in 1901. Her brother, the late John L. Severance, '85, was an Oberlin trustee from 1913 until the time of his death in 1936. Mrs. Prentiss' second husband was the late Francis F. Prentiss of Cleveland.

Dr. Allen was one of Cleveland's most successful pioneer surgeons. His father, Dr. Dudley Allen, practiced medicine in Oberlin from 1865 to 1895. The family home was located at the corner of Forest and South Professor streets and is now known as Alencroft, a women's dormitory.

Trustees' Tribute to Mrs. Prentiss

On November 20, 1943, the board of Oberlin College trustees voted a special citation to Mrs. Prentiss, which read:

"The Trustees of Oberlin College, assembled for their annual meeting in a village dear to Mrs. Prentiss, and by her made more dear to those who dwell therein, send to her this tribute of gratitude and affection.

"The college lives in constant awareness of her benefactions. Seldom, indeed, does one life bear fruit so richly in two healing and ennobling ministries: the ministry of health and the ministry of beauty.

"In the Allen Memorial Hospital the ministry of health touches with sure skill and gentle blessings the lives of students and villagers alike. In the Dudley Peter Allen Memorial Art Museum, first given 25 years ago and recently enlarged with a fine generosity the ministry of beauty proceeds, through the study and practice of art, in a milieu worthily planned for that high service.

"Thousands of students enter the doors of the hospital to feel the healing touch of medical science and come forth better able to do what their hands and their hearts may find to do. Thousands of students enter the doors of the art museum to experience the joy of

creativity and the growth that results from association with eternal values and come forth more ready to correspond to the inexhaustible beauty of all the surrounding world. These two streams of life enhanced will long flow on, under and far beyond the elms of Oberlin.

"It seems to us most fitting that as her ways are ways of mercy and of beauty, so her two great gifts symbolize her characteristic nobilities."

Memorial Concert Presented

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Prentiss on Friday, January 7, at 2:30 p.m., at the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland. Burial was made in Lake View Cemetery. On the evening of January 18 a Memorial Concert, in tribute to Mrs. Prentiss, was presented in Cleveland's Severance Hall, by the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, directed by Erich Leinsdorf, and the St. James Festival Choir, conducted by Walter Blodgett, '32. A portion of the program, Brahms' *Requiem*, was broadcast over radio station WHK.

Leaves Trust Fund for Oberlin

Five years ago Mrs. Prentiss established a Foundation, the existence of which was to remain undisclosed until after her death. The National City Bank of Cleveland is the Trustee of this Foundation. According to published reports, the total amount held in trust by the Foundation is estimated at more than \$8,000,000, and the income is to be divided between several institutions, among them Oberlin College, which is to receive five per cent of the total.

The College has had from the National City Bank a letter which affirms the report that five per cent of the income is to be for the benefit of Oberlin College. This letter gives no indication, direct or indirect, of the capital value of the amount reserved for Oberlin; and indicates that an estimate of this value will be given later in the year.

Mrs. Prentiss also left to Oberlin many of the treasures from her valuable art collection. These are being catalogued and will be exhibited in Allen Memorial Art Museum this spring. An account of the collection will be published in a later issue of the *Alumni Magazine*.

Dr. Wager's Mezzotint Collection Exhibited During January

Mrs. C. H. A. Wager loaned the Arts Museum her late husband's collection of 18th Century Mezzotint portraits for the month of January. The Robert H. Lehman collection of drawings from the 18th to 20th century, loaned by the Fogg Museum, was also on exhibition during the month.



MRS. FRANCIS F. PRENTISS

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Marine Trainees Take Turns As Student Officers

More responsibility is now being given to V-12 marines at Noah Hall by a new plan initiated a few weeks ago in which men from the ranks have replaced non-commissioned officers in supervising certain duties. A student Battalion Commander is responsible for the action of all marines inside and outside the barracks. Other leaders under him supervise barracks cleanliness and individual neatness, and enforce discipline.

Student officers are changed frequently to allow each senior an opportunity to exercise leadership ability preparatory for Officers' Training School. This plan is modeled after the organization of the Marine Corps all over the country.

Foreign Movie Productions Are Shown by Cosmopolitan Club

The Cosmopolitan Club is busy this year. It meets twice a month in faculty homes for discussion of current interest. At a recent meeting Dr. George Karo, formerly professorial lecturer in classics, talked to the club on "Greece."

The Club occasionally brings foreign language movies to the college. The first was a French picture, "Crime and Punishment." "Kameradschaft," a German movie, was shown Jan. 26. The famous Russian picture, "Alexander Nevsky," has been announced for early showing. There are to be others.

All five continents and 22 different countries, exclusive of the United States are claimed as birthplaces of Oberlin students here this term.

ATHLETICS

by William J. Judson

VICTORIOUS in their first three starts of the season over Camp Perry, Ohio Wesleyan and Case, Coach Lysle Butler's Yeomen basketball squad played five of their eight January games out of town, winning but one of the road encounters and one of the three home contests to bring their season total to five wins against six losses at the month's end.

Although two of the defeats, Bowling Green and Denison, were decisive enough, the other four might have gone either way, with lady luck deciding the issue. One of the losses was an overtime affair which was apparently in the bag with Oberlin leading by two points only seconds before the final gun. Another game should have been an overtime when the score was knotted with seconds remaining. Thus go the fortunes of basketball, an unpredictable game in which luck perhaps plays a more prominent part than in any other sport.

With five games remaining on the schedule: Wooster (2), Denison, Bowling Green and Akron, Oberlin will do well to split even over the season and will be mighty lucky to end up in the black. The latter three foes have all defeated Oberlin once while Wooster with another strong aggregation must also be accorded the role of favorite.

As a matter of fact, Oberlin has not beaten Wooster on the hardcourt for ten years and the series is now all tied up at 19 victories each, an omen which perhaps is good for the Yeomen as the football series prior to last fall's two games was also even, and Oberlin took them both to gain a two-game edge.

Oberlin 32—Rochester 46

Going into 1944 with three straight wins, the Yeomen traveled to Rochester, on New Year's Day, only to have their win streak snapped, 46-32.

The New Yorkers took an early 3-1 lead but Oberlin forged ahead 10 to 6. Shortly before the half, the count was knotted at 12-all, but at halftime the Yeomen held a two-point, 18-16 lead.

Gaining a 34-30 advantage at the close of the third quarter, Rochester turned what had been a tight ball game into a rout as Oberlin garnered but two charity throws during the entire fourth period, while the Yellow Jackets dropped in 12 points. Bob Lincoln and Joe Blum each scored 7 points with Pat Cavanaugh close behind with 6. For Rochester, Gebhardt tallied 15 counters and Bach accounted for 11.

Oberlin 42—Bowling Green 73

Returning from their first cage defeat of the season, the Yeomen ran into another shellacking, 73-42, at the hands of Bowling Green at Warner Gym.

During the first minutes of play, Oberlin enjoyed a brief 7-2 lead but with the B-G's Don Otten, 6 foot 11 inch center dominating the play, and Howard Martin showing a deadly eye for the hoop, it was soon no contest. Otten, towering above the other basketballers, batted out every shot except those arched high in the air and controlled the rebounds off his own basket, too, taking complete command of the game. The Bee Gees led 19-8 at the quarter, 39-16 at halftime and 54-31 at the end of the third period.

Oberlin 60—B-W 62

With Jack Bevan caging a difficult corner shot in the last 20 seconds of a ding-dong contest, B-W. handed Oberlin a 62-60 setback for their third straight loss.

Although holding the upper hand for most of the first period, Oberlin was forced to wage an uphill battle for the remainder of the game. With the lead changing hands ten times in the first half and tied five times in the last, the climax came when the Yeomen knotted the score at 60-60 with a minute left to play, only to have Bevan's shot bring victory to the Yellow Jackets.

Blum and Lincoln each caged 18 points but B-W.'s center, Ed Hrivnak took individual scoring honors with 21.

Oberlin 69—Akron 73

Oberlin nearly upset the dope bucket by tying the high-flying Akron "Zippers" after 40 minutes of play, but faded in the 5-minute overtime to drop a 73-69 decision at the rubber city's Perkins Gym.

With 18 seconds left in the game, the Yeomen led 65-63 and had the ball out of bounds, but lady luck chose to frown again on the boys in Crimson. The first ill-fated pass from out-of-bounds was deflected out again and awarded to Akron who brought it up the court and Mort Leeper, Zipper center, shot the equalizer with five seconds left, sending the game into overtime.

Akron topped the scoring 8 to 4 in the extra period to post their sixth win in seven starts and hand Oberlin a fourth straight loss. Bob Roberts and Al Carlson were lost via the foul route during the third quarter after doing a

superb job of holding the high-scoring Fritz Nagy to 14 points while they were guarding him. Including the overtime period, his total of 22 points topped the scorers while for Oberlin, Norm Schweickart and Bernard Laboe tied for honors at 15 each.

Oberlin 54—Denison 89

Playing their second road game of the week, the Yeomen five traveled to Granville January 15 where Denison's Big Red, making good on 47 percent of their shots, plastered Oberlin 89-54, the highest score ever run up against a Yeoman team in 42 years of inter-collegiate basketball.

Off to an early lead, the Big Red was never in serious trouble and at the half held a 42-27 lead. Knorek, Denison's starting center, parted the meshes with nine field goals and four charity tosses for 22 points, to capture game scoring honors. Tom Bonnike set the pace for Oberlin with 12 markers.

Bonnike, Blum, Carlson and Cavanaugh were all banished from the game on personal fouls during the second half. Staudt and Hall of Denison had the questionable distinction of being the only members of either team who failed to score in a game totaling 143 points.

Oberlin 50—Wesleyan 48

With Joe Blum setting the pace by garnering 27 points, Oberlin's cagers snapped their losing streak by downing Wesleyan for the second time this season, 50-48 in a hard fought, thrill-packed, overtime game on the home court.

Waging an uphill fight, the Yeomen took the lead for the first time 35-34 midway in the second half, only to have the Bishops forge to the front again 43-39 with two minutes left to play. With the pressure on, "poker-face" Joe Blum calmly netted two charity tosses and followed with a field goal to knot the score at 43-all and send the game into overtime.

In the five-minute extra period, the Yeomen outscored the Bishops 7-5 to take the verdict. As the extra session opened, Blum, Bill Burton and Carlson caged field goals in rapid succession to give the Yeomen a 49-43 margin which the Bishops were unable to overcome.

Oberlin 35—B-W 44

Although Oberlin has been a strong second half team most of the season, it held a four-point halftime lead at Berea and dropped the advantage as Baldwin-Wallace rallied to win their second of the year over the Yeomen, 44-35.

Blum poured in 16 points to give Oberlin the 27-23 halftime margin,

but was held to three points and the Yeomen to eight markers in all for the last half.

The Jackets traveled to Wesleyan the following night where the Bishops took them apart 61-34 to post their second triumph of the season over B-W. It doesn't "add up," but Oberlin beat Wesleyan twice and dropped as many decisions to Baldwin-Wallace!

Oberlin 65—Case 55

Caging 30 points to set a new all-time individual Oberlin scoring record, Joe Blum led the Yeomen basketballers to their second win over Case on the night following the B-W defeat.

After a nip-and-tuck first half in which Oberlin held a first quarter lead of 19-17 and a 27-25 halftime margin, Case faded in the closing half. The Yeomen poured in 27 points in the third quarter to increase their lead to 54-42 at the end of that stanza and coast in for an easy victory.

Swim Team Promises Best Record in Oberlin's History

Coach Len Diehl's varsity swimming team, undefeated in their first four meets of the season, are favored to complete the first perfect season in the history of the sport at Oberlin.

With balanced strength in every event, Oberlin has surged to victories over Bowling Green twice, Case, Ohio State University and the University of Rochester. Two dual meets with Case and Carnegie Tech remain on the schedule and it is not expected that the Yeomen will experience any trouble in winning both, to post a clean slate for 1944.

Mike Peppe, Ohio State coach, stated that Oberlin's medley team of Bill Mackey, Lou Traas and Parker Lansdale, could be rated among the best in the country and it is hoped that they will be able to enter the National Collegiate meet in March.

Oberlin 57—Bowling Green 18

Winning all events except the 50 and 100-yard free style, Oberlin dunked Bowling Green, 57-18 in the opener for both teams in Crane Pool, January 8.

The Yeomen showed exceptional all-around team strength, but star of the meet was Joyce of B.G. who set two new meet records in the sprints and finished a very close second in the 440-yard free style. Nosing out Oberlin's captain, Parker Lansdale, by inches in both dashes, Joyce scored 13 of his team's 18 points.

A/S Neal Hinrichs was Oberlin's highest individual scorer with firsts in both the 220 and 440-yard free style events.



LT. ROBERT L. DEGROFF, '42
... died in the defense of his country

ACCORDING to an official War Department telegram Lt. Robert L. DeGroff, Jr., '42, was "killed in action on January 5, while engaged in the defense of his country." Lt. DeGroff, popular star on Oberlin's varsity basketball and track teams, was the son of Mrs. R. L. DeGroff and the late Mr. DeGroff, of Maplewood, New Jersey. He was a navigator on a Flying Fortress and in his last letter, dated December 28, said he had completed two missions over enemy territory. He was stationed in England.

Bob enlisted in the Army Air Corps while a senior at Oberlin and reported for active duty five days after commencement in 1942. He was one of the highest men in his graduation class from the Army Air School at Selman Field, Louisiana, in early August, and was recommended for an instructorship. The quota of instructors had been filled from the last class, however, and he was assigned to active duty, going overseas last October.

He was born in Maplewood and would have been 24 years old on February 24. Graduated from Columbia, New Jersey, High School, he was active in sports, both there and at college. He lettered three years in both basketball and track, and one year in soccer at Oberlin.

Surviving are his brother, Sgt. Arthur W. DeGroff with the U. S. Signal Corps Intelligence Division in Sicily, and his mother.

Oberlin 59—Case 16

Winning every first place and setting a new meet and Oberlin record in the medley relay, Oberlin swamped Case the following week in Crane Pool, 59-16.

The medley trio of Mackey, Traas and Lansdale, were pushed all the way in their record-breaking performance

of 3:14, but Diehl's narrators won all the remaining races with comparative ease.

In addition to all the firsts, Oberlin took second places in the 50 and 100-yard sprints and the fancy diving. Pat Clark nosed out Lansdale in the 50; Jack Cavanaugh and Gus Swartz came in one-two in the 100, and Hastings Wilson and Herb Buckner had no trouble in taking top honors in diving.

Mackey, after swimming the lead-off position in the medley, won the backstroke in the good time of 1:48.4, Lou Holden the 220-yard free style, and Traas, though pushed most of the way, came through with a strong finish to easily win the breast stroke. Will Snell won a good race over Gundlach of Case in the 440.

Oberlin 51—Ohio State 33

Oberlin splashed its way to national prominence on January 22 when it upset the Ohio State University tankers 51-33 at Columbus.

The Yeomen won two of the first three places in every individual event except in diving, and ran away with both relays. In winning their third consecutive meet, they were never seriously threatened, despite pint-sized Keo Nakama, Ohio State's last remnant of a once mighty national championship team. The little Hawaiian who holds several national titles, won both dashes and the 440 free style.

Again it was the work of the team as a whole that brought the victory, but acting captain, Lou Traas, breast stroker, became the only undefeated member of the squad. Bill Mackey suffered his first defeat in the back stroke as he lost to teammate, Lou Holden.

Oberlin 48—Rochester 27

Oberlin's swimmers won their fourth straight meet at Crane Pool, January 29, defeating the always strong University of Rochester, 48-27.

Showing the balanced power that has made them the top team of Ohio, the Yeomen again took both relays and all but three of the individual events, but the spotlight of individual honors was stolen by a visitor.

Ben Reynolds, Rochester's free style ace, set new meet records of 54.4 in the 100 and 5:20.2 in the 440, and also won the 50.

Another meet record fell when Bill Mackey won the backstroke in 1:48.5. John Cavanaugh in the 220, Herb Buckner in the diving, and Lou Traas in the breast stroke were the other individual winners for the Yeomen.

Oberlin 58—Bowling Green 17

Swimming a return meet at Bowling Green on February 1, the Yeomen

Winter Commencement on February 27; Spring Term Opens March 3

Approximately 35 degrees will be awarded during Oberlin's Winter Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, February 27. The program, beginning at 3:00 p. m., will be brief and informal. A luncheon for the students graduating and their parents will be served at 1:00 p. m.

Final examinations for the Winter Term end Saturday afternoon, February 26.

Indications are that there will be approximately 50 new students enrolled for the Spring Term, 40 women and from 10 to 12 men. The orientation for new freshman students will begin on Tuesday, February 29, and classes in all departments start on Friday, March 3.

Musical Union to Present B Minor Mass, April 30th

The Oberlin Musical Union, assisted by the Oberlin Conservatory Orchestra, will present the *Bach Mass in B Minor* on Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m. The performance will last until approximately 6:00 with a half hour intermission at 4:00.

Prof. Maurice Kessler directs both the chorus and the orchestra. Soloists will be Mrs. Helena Strassburger Boatwright, '40, soprano, of Austin, Texas; Margaret Tobias, '44, contralto; Prof. Harold Haugh, tenor; Prof. Daniel Harris, bass; and Miss Wanda Pitman, '43, solo trumpet, from the Houston, Texas, Symphony Orchestra.

Last year's production of the same work received enthusiastic comment by Cleveland critics.

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downed the Falcons for the second time, 58-17, to better by one point their previous triumph over the Bee Gees.

Joyce, the star of the previous meet, was relegated to runner-up honors in the return match as Oberlin's Parker Lansdale turned in his best performances of the season, winning both the 50 and 100-yard sprints and anchoring the free style relay. In the 50, Parker set a new meet record of 24.7 seconds which equaled the Oberlin record held by Hugh Richards, '42. He also set a new meet mark of 56.2 in the 100.

The 220 was won by Joyce, but only after being pushed hard all the way by Jack Cavanaugh. In addition to the relays, Oberlin won all the other events except the 220, and took two of the three places in every event except the diving.



THE TALCOTT TREE

... famed in song, and of hallowed memory for many generations of Oberlin students.

Bureau of Appointments Calls Attention to Job Opportunities

The Bureau of Appointments has recently received a notice from the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company that they have vacancies for college trained men and women in many important positions carrying exceptional postwar opportunities.

Among the positions listed are: Accountants, Traveling Field Auditors and Accounting Clerks; Timestudy Engineers; Engineers, development, tool, mechanical and designers; Chemists and Chemical Engineers; Physicists and Physical Testers; Laboratory Technicians; Buyers for Resale Merchandise; Commercial Artists; Copywriters (agency, department or chain store experience desired). For further information write to Mr. L. M. Burch, Personnel Department, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

FOR old time's sake, we borrowed from Jack Wirkler's file the cut reprinted above showing the base of the famed Talcott Tree—unknown, except in song, to the Oberlin students since 1919.

An unusually big and old poplar that stood at the foot of the walk into Talcott Hall, it was used as the campus bulletin board for many years, and as a common meeting place for the students. The boys often gathered under it in the evenings to serenade the Talcott girls.

It was removed in 1919, and had probably been planted in the 1850's. Leonard Hatch, '92, who came to Oberlin in 1876 when his parents arrived to take charge of Talcott Hall, remembers the tree as quite large at that time.

Note the bulletins, "Football Season Tickets, \$2.00," etc.

"TEN THOUSAND STRONG"

Edited by Julia H. Phillips, '30

1881

Mrs. Clinton B. McDowell (Adell V. Crandall, x) died last summer in Portland, Oregon, where she made her home with her daughter. She was the oldest member of the Portland alumni chapter. Mrs. McDowell was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and took an active part in the work of the Women's Guild.

1884

Cora E. Lewis died November 8 in Wheaton, Illinois. Her death followed a heart attack.

Mrs. Mary E. Porter Baldwin, who attended the Conservatory as a special student from 1880 to 1886, died June 8 in Portland, Oregon. She had been active in the First Christian Science Church in Portland.

1885

Carrie Coleman Hill, widow of James A. Hill, died January 9 at her home in Mount Vernon, New York, at the age of 82. She was born in Wayne, Ohio, and enrolled in the Conservatory from West Williamsfield, Ohio. Her ancestors were members of the Boston Tea Party. Mrs. John Lowry, her only child, survives.

1887

Ella Frances Cook, last surviving member of her class, died October 15 at Rochester, New York, after only a week's illness. Following her graduation she taught music in Cottage Seminary at Clinton, New York, for several years and then was for thirty years on the faculty of Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee. Since her retirement she had made her home in Rochester with her sister, Mrs. Charles Green. Miss Cook was very active in church work, musical circles, and in Red Cross work.

1888

Charles C. Maltbie, x, constable of Geneva, Ohio, for 29 years and veteran of the Spanish-American War, died at the Community Hospital in Geneva September 22 at the age of 79.

The Geneva Free Press gives the following account of Mr. Maltbie's life: "A life-long resident of Geneva, Mr. Maltbie was born here November 29, 1863. After attending the local elementary school he enrolled and was graduated from the old Geneva Normal School. In 1883 he started three years of study at Oberlin.

"Mr. Maltbie has become one of the community's most widely known citizens, from his early activity as a bass viol player in orchestras here through his career as Geneva constable. In 1886 'Charlie,' as he was called, played the instrument as a member of the orchestra at the old Cleveland Opera House. Mr. Maltbie served as a first lieutenant in Company E of the 5th Ohio Volunteer Infantry regiment in the Spanish-American war. He later was a second lieutenant in the old Company E of the Geneva Grays, the local National Guard contingent."

Mr. Maltbie was employed by the Champion Machine Company of Springfield, Ohio, and the Lake Shore railroad before becoming Geneva's constable in 1914.

Mr. Maltbie leaves his wife and two daughters. Mrs. Ruth Walworth of Delmar, New York; and Mrs. Mary Williams ('27) of Oberlin; and one son, Dr. Kenneth Maltbie of Youngstown.

1890

Louise Pond Jewell, author of "The Great Adventure" and many magazine and newspaper articles, died at her home in Moorhead, Mississippi, December 26 at the age of 76.

Mrs. Jewell was the daughter of the late Chester H. Pond, a member of the Oberlin College Board of Trustees in the 1890's, and was born in Oberlin. In 1903 she married Ogden Jewell, who died two years later. After receiving her A.B. degree from Oberlin College, Mrs. Jewell did graduate work at Radcliffe College, the University of Chicago, and the University of Gottin-

gen, Germany. The rest of her life was devoted to teaching and to her writing. She served as principal of the Southold (New York) Academy, and as principal of the high school department of the Barnard School for Girls in New York City. She also taught English and Latin in New York high schools. In 1908 and 1909 she was an investigator under the Russell Sage Foundation of citizenship training in New York public schools.

Funeral services were held January 19 at the First Church in Oberlin for Miss Elizabeth Howard Little, x, who died suddenly at her home on Sunday, January 16, of pneumonia. Dr. W. F. Bohn and Rev. J. F. King conducted the services. Burial was in Westwood cemetery.

Miss Little was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, October 16, 1863, the daughter of Thomas Henry and Sarah Cowles Little. The family moved to Oberlin to make their home in 1892. During most of her life, Miss Little had been an active member of the First Church, and for years she had been the chaplain of Oberlin's D. A. R. organization. She attended Oberlin College in 1886-87.

She is survived by two sisters, Miss Alice Little, '88, of Oberlin and Mrs. Frank D. Jackson (Martha P. Little, '93) of Milton, Wisconsin.

1891

Lt. John F. Strong, son of Jarvis A. Strong, Army Air Corps pilot, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding accomplishment and heroism in flight.

At a house party on New Year's Eve Minnie Beard Siddall entertained Rose Hunter Carpenter, Alice Jones Emery and Carrie Memott Lawrence at her home in Oberlin.

1893

Mrs. Mabel Penfield Wilson has moved from 14 Windemere Place, St. Louis, Missouri, to Kinsway Hotel, St. Louis 8.

Fred Savage acted as clerk in the men's clothing store of H. A. Pfaff in Oberlin during the Christmas season, helping out in the lack-of-help emergency.

1894

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Fred P. Loomis (Mary Elizabeth Rodgers) on November 28 at her home at 3401 Poppleton Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska. She had been almost completely paralyzed for the past year. Mrs. Loomis is survived by her husband, of the class of '96.

1895

Dr. Alfred William Stone, t, retired Baptist minister, died October 15 at his home, 512 Eldora Road, Pasadena, California, at the age of 83. A native of Bath, England, Dr. Stone devoted virtually his entire life to the ministry and held important pastorates in the Baptist denomination. He served for some years in Cleveland, Ohio. In Pasadena he was affiliated with the First Baptist Church and was very active in its work over a period of 14 years. He was also a member of the Dickens Fellowship and served as its president for several years.

Coming as a young man from Bristol, England, he secured part of his education at McMaster University, then at Toronto, and later was graduated from the Oberlin Theological Seminary.

Dr. Stone's wife, Mary Rebecca Crawford Stone, died last July. She was a student at Oberlin while Dr. Stone was attending the seminary.

Dr. Stone leaves two sons, Donald C. Stone of Washington, D. C., assistant director of the Bureau of the Budget; and Harold A. Stone, of Arlington, Virginia, chief of the Division of Fiscal Management and Finance, Department of Agriculture.

CLARK B. Firestone, '91, of the Cincinnati *Times-Star* recently wrote the following comment concerning Oberlin friends in his column "The Office Window":

GEORGE AND GERTRUDE

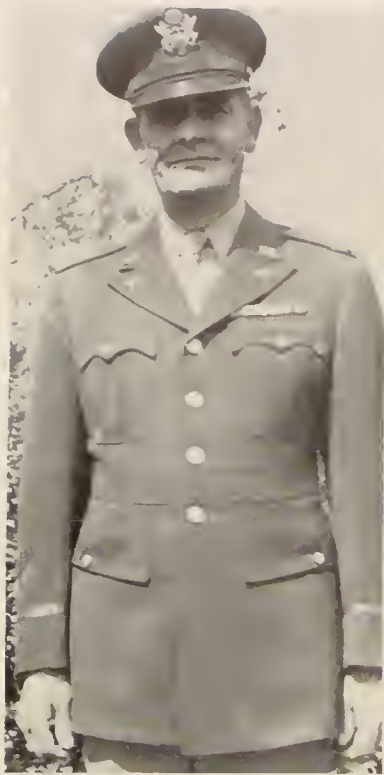
From a tea party in New York City comes a missive entitled "Greetings to Our President." The functionary thus memorialized is the Office Window Man, not F. D. R. The 11 signers are members of the Oberlin College graduate class, of which we have been president for something like twenty years. That class has an almost legendary reputation with its Alma Mater. It looked pretty ordinary to its own members when we were boys and girls together, but after graduation the members began to Go Places, literally, as well as figuratively. We want to speak of two names at the head of the memorandum—George D. Wilder and his wife, Gertrude S. Wilder.

As a baseball pitcher, George had the widest curves in college. Gertrude Stanley was a pretty little red-head who sat at our own table in Talcott Hall and who, as a tennis player, had the meanest collection of cuts and smashes of any girl in college. When they went to China as missionaries, it seemed to many of us that they were going quite out of the world. But the world has grown smaller and they, like other such devoted spirits—and more than most—have brought China and America very near to each other, to the world's everlasting good. The two came back to this country the other day on the Gripsholm. We are proud to be the president of a class out of which a young man and woman journeyed to the uttermost parts of the earth.

ORVILLE AND WILBUR

In a way, the Wright Brothers, the fortieth anniversary of whose epochal Kitty Hawk flight was celebrated this week, were associated with Oberlin. While their own education ended with high school diplomas, their sister studied there, and the college gave both of them honorary degrees later. We heard their attorney, another Oberlin man, give one of the first talks on their invention; he began it by reading "Darius Green and his Flying Machine." From the roof of the N. Y. Evening Mail, we saw one Wright make the first flight over the metropolis. As it buzzed slowly above North River the little plane looked quite like a bumblebee; we cheered, and from other roofs so did everybody else in New York.

A little later, while playing tennis on Long Island, we saw another plane overhead. We paused to watch it. So did our opponent, for perhaps three seconds. Then he shouted, "Your serve!" His tone was peremptory. You see, it was the second plane.



MAJOR EDMUND C. LEONARD, '14
... fighting his second war as an
Air Forces officer

WOUNDED and shot down in flames, after he had destroyed a German plane, Lieutenant Edmund C. Leonard, '14, narrowly escaped death in World War I and spent the last months of it as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Released early in 1919, he returned to Chicago where he was engaged in the printing business and later became a life insurance agent there, continuing in that business until World War II called him back into service as a Major in the Army Air Forces. He is now seeing active duty in England.

Mrs. Leonard is the former Grace Larson, k'13.

1899

Roy Sumner Dougall, x, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died September 3 as the result of an operation performed six months before. Mr. Dougall was active in the gasoline business in Pittsburgh. He leaves his wife, Nellie Moorehead Dougall; one daughter, Annis M. Dougall, '29; and one son, George M. Dougall, '28. Burial was in Phoenix, New York, his birthplace. Mr. Dougall attended Oberlin Academy as well as the College.

1907

Dr. George West Graves, x, head of the science department of Fresno State College at Fresno, California, died October 26, 1943, from a sudden heart attack. A previous attack had caused him to take a leave of absence in 1938, but he had apparently recovered and had resumed his teaching and other college activities.

Born in Iowa, Dr. Graves attended Oberlin from 1903 to 1905 and received his degree from the University of Chicago, where he became a member of Chi Upsilon chapter of Phi Gamma

Delta, class of 1907. In later years he taught at Washington State College, the University of Southern California, and the San Francisco State College. For four years he served as an agricultural supervisor in Los Angeles. He served as head of the science department at Fresno State for the past 23 years. The college has named its botanical gardens for him as a memorial. Dr. Graves was responsible for their original planning and subsequent development.

Dr. Graves is survived by his wife, Ella M.

1910

Pvt. Llewellyn H. Jones, son of Edward S. Jones and Frances Jeffery Jones, '13, is taking his basic training in chemical warfare at Camp Sibert, Alabama. Edward E. Jones, their youngest son, is a freshman at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

1913

Nell Dexter Neiderhauser, daughter of Mr. ('14) and Mrs. Harold W. Neiderhauser (Edna Dexter) was married on November 13 in Gadsden, Alabama, to Philip Ball Moss, U. S. N. R.

1915

A new address has been received for Mr. and Mrs. Roland I. Bosworth (Charlotte Weatherill): Box 98, Dundee, Illinois.

1917

Walter W. Vogt, who has been a chemist with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, for a number of years, has recently been promoted to be Development Manager of the Tire and Chemicals Department.

At the request of the Ohio State Department of Education, Ava Ballou and Lottie Pick, teachers in the senior high school at Conneaut, Ohio, compiled "Techniques in Reading Comprehension for Junior-Senior High Schools" tests. The tests, printed in December, are designed for use in grades seven through twelve.

1918

Annette P. Ward, who retired in 1939, with the rank of full professor, after 20 years as Alma College librarian, is now filling in as part-time secretary for the Alma, Michigan, Chamber of Commerce with offices at the city hall there. She sold her Alma home last year, intending to move to Granville, Ohio, but has returned temporarily to Alma after spending sometime in Florida. Her address is 112 East Downie Street.

1919

The body of Mrs. R. T. Ewan (Maurine Moore, x) of Lewistown, Illinois, was recovered by fishermen from the Illinois river January 19. Mrs. Ewan had disappeared from her home on December 7, leaving a note which indicated that she had become depressed because of illness.

Born June 3, 1896, at Newman, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. Ewan was educated in the schools in that city and attended Oberlin College. She was married June 21, 1924, to Dr. Ewan and had lived in Lewistown for many years.

Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Ann, of Chicago; one brother, Al C. Moore, Minnesota; and one sister, Mrs. Helen Chadwick, Chicago.

Robert M. Hutchins, h, president of the University of Chicago, is one of a group of outstanding American educators who are speaking each Monday evening over a nation-wide radio network on the "Education for Freedom" program. The series started on December 13.

Lt. Lewis E. Davis, x, USNR, is now in Sicily with the finance division of the Military Government. Lt. Davis graduated in September from a special Military Government and Administration course at Columbia University. He was one of a group of 25 men with Far Eastern experience. Two days after their graduation ten of these men were chosen for special overseas work.

1920

George R. Bent is on leave for the duration from his work at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, and goes to Philadelphia to be associated with the American Friends Service Committee.

1921

A. W. Loy has been promoted to captain in the U. S. Navy Medical Corps. Captain Loy writes: "The recent number of the magazine brought strange news of familiar names. Through the magazine, we, in the field, derive a great deal of pleasure in following the courses of our Oberlin associates. . . . Last evening I attended a musical evening at the auditorium on the base and listened to 'The Messiah.' It brought back the traditional annual rendition of 'The Messiah' as we heard it at Oberlin."

1922

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Sawyer (Jeanette Ela) have moved to 5335 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

1923

Mrs. Josephine Humbles Kyles, widow of Bishop L. W. Kyles, is assistant director of Christian Education of the Federation of Churches Washington, D. C.



THEODORE O. WEDEL, '14
... Canon Chancellor of the Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C., and Warden of the College of Preachers

THE Reverend Dr. Theodore O. Wedel, '14, formerly secretary for college work in the National Council of the Episcopal Church, went to Washington, D. C., in 1938 and is now Canon Chancellor of the Washington Cathedral and Warden of the College of Preachers.

The late Mrs. Wedel was Elizabeth Ewert, x'16. Her death occurred in 1932 while Rev. Mr. Wedel was teaching at Carleton College. Holding graduate degrees from Harvard and Yale, he has also taught at Yale and the University of Texas.

He has written extensively in religious and educational periodicals and is the editor of the selected essays of Joseph Addison published by the Macmillan Co. in their Modern Readers Series.

1924

David H. Heydenburk sends a Christmas letter from Lompoc, California, giving an account of his experiences since he was inducted into the Army a year ago. "Yes, I was discharged on April 14 out here at Hammer Field where I was sent after our school period of training as A.A.F. Supply Clerks in Oklahoma. I was at Hammer Field five weeks and had just completed basic training when released.

"One of the conditions of my discharge was that I had to go at once into some kind of war job. Since May 5 I have been up here about 150 miles north of Los Angeles working in the S. P. depot as a ticket clerk. Camp Cooke is only 10 miles away and I have made up several miles of furlough tickets to nearly if not every state in the Union.

"But the time is coming soon for another change. I recently received permission from my draft board to be a full fledged civilian. So I will be returning to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles to resume my teaching the last of January for the second semester."

J. Arthur Seebach writes: "Until we entered the war I had kept in touch with Andrew S. Young. He went back to China in 1924, as your records likely show. After a varied career, he was succeeding nicely till Japan broke loose in 1937, having been for several years an official of the City Tsingtao, China. The missionaries at our Lutheran Mission in Tsingtao spoke highly of his reputation and record in that city. However, in September, 1937, he sold his home at great loss, turned all assets possible into liquid form, and fled to Hong Kong. Inflation and fleeting assets drove him about a year later back to Shanghai, where he was when Pearl Harbor started things happening. We had a letter from him written a few days before Pearl Harbor, then, of course, nothing more.

"Then late in June, 1943, we had an air mail letter from Chungking dated May 12, 1943. It was sent by a nephew of Andrew Young, and said Andy and his family were well in Shanghai. So we hope for the best. Thought you might be interested."

Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Hopkins, Granville, Illinois, announce the arrival of their second son, Archibald Wilson Hopkins, on January 14.

1925

Kenneth R. Umfleet, writes that he is now

A FATHER-and-son combination on January 24 rose to the top of Cleveland's famed 99 year old Sterling & Welch organization when the company's directors elected Arthur C. Hook president and Arthur V. Hook, '24, vice-president.

The elder Hook, who has served as vice-president and general manager of the store for the last three years and was secretary and treasurer for 31 years prior to that, will also continue as general manager.

The younger Hook joined the organization in 1941 as assistant vice-president and treasurer, and will continue as treasurer in addition to assuming his new duties.

After graduating from Oberlin and Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration he was connected with the Union Trust Company and the National City Bank for 15 years in the bank's investment divisions prior to joining Sterling & Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur V. Hook (Dorothy Bent, '25) live at 30931 West Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio, with their three children, Arthur R., 12, Dorothy

FROM second lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel in a little over two years is the record of Paul L. Jones, '27, former San Diego radio announcer, who walked out of Burma with Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell in a memorable three-week hike last year. News of Jones' promotion from the rank of major was reported recently in the San Diego papers.

Col. Jones is now on duty in and out of General Stilwell's Chung-king headquarters. Called one of the army's most versatile officers, Jones is a former flier, chemical warfare expert, anti-tank officer and infantryman, in addition to his civilian occupation as radio announcer. Following his graduation from Oberlin, he became a flying cadet and won his wings, but later received an honorable discharge due to recurring attacks of hay fever. However, he retained a reserve commission.

When called to active duty in April, 1941, as a second lieutenant, he was transferred to the infantry and became associated with Stilwell at Fort Ord, near Monterey, California, where he was promoted to first lieutenant for perfecting a new type of "Molotov

professor of music education at the University of Redlands, Redlands, California. Leslie P. Spelman, '26, is professor of organ at the same school.

1926

Lewis E. (Chic) Reark has been called to



ARTHUR V. HOOK, '24
... elected vice-president of
Cleveland's famed Sterling &
Welch store

Anne, 10, and a year-old son who, they write now "rules the roost" for the entire household.



PAUL L. JONES, '27
... from second lieutenant to
Lt. Colonel in two years

Cocktail" for use by Chinese soldiers against Japanese tanks.

He went to Burma February 7, 1942, and is credited with keeping that nation's railroad system going until the Japanese conquest. When deprived of all forms of transportation, Stilwell Jones and others walked from Burma to India. Jones developed huge blisters on his feet and lost 20 pounds on the trek.

Washington, D. C. for the duration. Mrs. Reark (Elinore Thatcher) is considering moving from Oakland, California, to Santa Ana while he is in Washington.

1927

William S. Stinson, x, is now advertising manager for the Cherry-Burrell Corporation of Chicago. Since graduating from Northwestern University in 1927, Bill has been in advertising work with various concerns, for the past several years as ad manager for the Oliver Farm Equipment Company. He and Mrs. Stinson and their three youngsters live at Elmhurst, Illinois.

1928

Mr. and Mrs. George Bassett Roberts (Jerry McCord) announce the birth of their third child and second daughter, Judith Anne, on October 8. Their address is 103 Hickory Grove Drive, Larchmont, New York.

Marcella Spahr of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, was elected president of the Midwestern District of the state at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Health, Physical Education and Recreation Association.

A welcome note from Lt. (jg) George Dougall reads, in part, as follows:

"I received my delayed commission in the USNR December 10 and reported here (Hollywood, Florida) for Temporary Active duty under instruction in the Naval Air Navigation School. I got an A-V(s)—aviation volunteer special service billet—so I aim to make the grade. Have a very tough four months course which I am very enthused about. Have been interested in navigation for some time back and took the Buhl Planetarium courses during the past year and a half in Pittsburgh.

"I was very sorry to leave the employ of the Fourth Estate but felt I had left a small niche in the Pittsburgh Press after 15 years service in the business office, and the desire to get into this war business other than by the draft made me happy to get my commission.

"My orders came through hurriedly and was forced to drive down as railroad transportation was not obtainable. My wife came down for the ride and will go back to close our house in a week or two.

"We are stationed here at the most fashionable of all pre-war Florida resort hotels—Hollywood

Beach Hotel. It is a grand place for a Naval Station and our eyes wonder at the former extravaganzas! It's all business here though, even with an ocean front room and a swim after drill. "Please let me know of any Oberlin Alumni here or near. I will write a note later to President Wilkins."

Sydney N. Fisher writes: "I am on leave from Ohio State University working in Washington for the government as chief of the analysis section in the Middle East Division of the Foreign Economic Administration. We live out in Maryland and go back and forth in a car pool with Merrill Gay, '29. Another boy arrived in our family October 8. His name is Robert Lynn." The Fishers are living at 6802 Dartmouth Avenue, College Park.

1929

Major H. F. Wherley, Medical Corps, Eric Proving Grounds, Station Hospital, visited Oberlin one Sunday in January. His wife, Winona Jack, '31, and their three children are with Major Wherley at their home in Stone Creek, Ohio.

1930

Mr. and Mrs. Stowell Collins (Irene Haselswerdt) are the parents of a 7½ pound son, Milton Stowell, born November 6. The Collinses live at 323 Highland Avenue, Rochester, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Etzensperger, of Wiloughby, Ohio, announce the marriage in New York on Wednesday, January 12, of their daughter, Dorothy Etzensperger Whitney, to Lt. Carl Allensworth of the U. S. Army, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Allensworth of Canton, Ohio. The bride is a costumer for the J. J. Shubert Co., and is writing radio scrip. She is a graduate of Smith college, received her master of arts degree in drama and theater at Western Reserve University, and did graduate study under Madam Daykarhanova in New York. She has been director of drama at Fenn College in Cleveland and the University of Arizona. One year she had her own summer theater on Long Island.

Lt. Allensworth is stationed at the photographic center of the army signal corps on Long Island. A playwright before entering the service, his play "Village Green" was produced on

Columnist Says Carl Allensworth, '30, Found That Getting Married Is a Struggle

NOTE—The following is reprinted from a column "The Lighter Side," written by Tommy Tarbox, in The Cleveland News of January 25, 1944. (See Class of 1930 news.)

DOROTHY Whitney, producer of pageantry for the Grotto Circus, (Cleveland) last year, got married the other day but, according to her, it was quite a struggle.

Miss Whitney and the bridegroom-to-be, Lieutenant Carl Allensworth of the Army Signal Corps and son of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Allensworth of Canton, started out in New York City at 3:30 p.m. to get married. They assumed that as long as so many people got married it must be a fairly simple matter. They got fooled.

First they dashed to the Army Building to pick up blood certificates, leaving the best man, a chum of the lieutenant's, to hold the taxi. They then streaked for City Hall and arrived just before closing time. A man at the hall gave them numerous papers to fill out and then told Miss Whitney that she would have to get an attorney to prove

ACCORDING to *The Ohio Farmer*, Mrs. Halsey Eleyet (Grace Dudley, '29) is in charge of the farm, home and loan problems for all of Pike County's 215 Farm Security Administration families. She is the first woman in the country to become a County FSA Supervisor. Her husband is with the U. S. Army, stationed in England.

Mrs. Eleyet has been a farm management supervisor with FSA since 1938.

In her new post she will supervise a county case load which includes 183 active rehabilitation-production loan borrowers. She will also be responsible for collection services on 32 other loans made to borrowers no longer farming but who left their farm with unpaid balances still owing the government.

Other activities include the operation of a county Medical Care program with 50 families participating, a Purchasing and Marketing Association with 80 member families, and the newly authorized farm-ownership program set up by the Bankhead-Jones Tenant Purchase Act.

In reply to an inquiry from the *Alumni Magazine*, Mrs. Eleyet writes,

Broadway two years ago. In 1939 his play "Ring Once for Central" received the Chicago University prize for the best one-act American comedy written that year. He is at present writing training films for the army.

she had been divorced. They found a lawyer, but by that time it was 5 o'clock and offices were folding up for the day.

Next came a quick run to the Legal Aid Society for a waiver of the three-day law where they managed to slip inside the door just as it was closing. Then they dashed back across City Hall Park to the Supreme Court Building where a justice signed the waiver. Fortunately a lone judge had remained after hours and signed his name for them.

The next problem was to find someone to do the marrying. They learned that the Army chaplains were out. What to do? The friendly judge got on the phone and persuaded a Navy chaplain to wait for the weary couple at the Navy Building. Back across City Hall Park they galloped, and sank into chairs in the chaplain's office.

"By this time I was ready to call the whole thing off," writes Mrs. Allensworth. "But we were married and are now living happily ever after. Carl was raised a Methodist, I a Baptist, a Presbyterian service was read, and one of our witnesses was a Jewish chaplain. Shades of the Cleveland Round Table!"

(Blessings on you, my children, but whatever happened to the best man who was left holding the taxi?)



GRACE DUDLEY ELEYET, '29

... the nation's only woman
County FSA Supervisor

"This job of mine is one after Oberlin's heart—I can be a real rural missionary!—if I have brains and common sense enough to give these nice farm families the help they need and when they need it. But I probably won't do so well on collections and liquidations!"

1931

Melrose Robinson, residence director of Christodora House in New York City writes that Ensign Louise McCullough is stationed in New York and living at Christodora. They get together with Helen Fauver and Kitty Ruch Fraser quite frequently.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennan Smith (Dorothy Butler) of Bay Village, Ohio, are the parents of a son, Ronald Kennan, born April 23, 1943.

Mr. ('33) and Mrs. Wade S. Smith (Helen Kilgore) have a second son, Guy Jonathan, born May 29, 1943. They are living in Jackson Heights, New York.

Many Oberlin friends were interested to note the picture of Elizabeth Timberman in a recent issue of Life Magazine under the heading of "Life's Pictures." Timmie is now a professional photographer and Life featured her pictures taken in the Metropolitan Opera property room.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbard (Frances Clapp, '34) are the parents of Steven Lee, who arrived on January 11. Their daughter, Mary Louise, is now five and a half years old.

Mrs. D. F. Menard (Montana X. Faber, x) writes from Wheeling, West Virginia: "Recently I made my debut as a composer, appearing before the Woman's Music Club of Wheeling. I played my 'Suite for Piano,' 'Romance,' and 'Serenata'; and a quartet sang my 'Jubilate,' a Christmas carol."

1932

Dorothy Elizabeth Neihus and Arthur E. Hernden were married on December 24 at St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Hernden is an accountant. They are now living at the Clifford Hotel, Detroit 1, Michigan.

Betty Gitter and Richard Kelly were married in Zanesville, Ohio, on October 26. After February they will be living in New York City.

Mrs. D. E. Witters (Jean MacKenzie) is the mother of a son, born last July. Her address is 334 Smith Avenue, N. W., Canton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Derau (Martha Woodman) of Columbus, Ohio, announce the birth of twins on November 10. They are Kay Ann and John Carl.

Walter Blodgett, curator of musical arts of the Cleveland Museum of Art, has been named

music critic of the Cleveland Press. He succeeds Arthur Loesser, now a captain in the Army.

A message from the U. S. State Department on December 24 states that it has been learned from "unofficial sources" that Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Irwin (Betty James) who went to China as Shansi reps the year they graduated from Oberlin, are interned at Weihai, in Shantung, and that both are in good health.

Capt. Philip L. Dunkle has been transferred to Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 from Redistribution Station No. 3, Santa Monica, California, and assigned to duty with the Surgical division. Captain Dunkle reported for active duty November 25, 1940, and was ward surgeon at the Station Base Hospital in San Juan and Borinquen Field from January, 1941, to March, 1942, when he became a group surgeon.

1933

Margaret Hopper drops a card to tell about her new job: "Just to report that I am no longer teaching school in Mansfield, Ohio. Since July, I have been employed in the Market Research Division of Quaker Oats Company and am located here in the city. The work in this new field is very fascinating." Her address is 1805 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, 3, Pennsylvania.

Fred Bauer writes to Tom Harris, former alumni secretary, from St. Louis, Missouri, to give news of himself and two classmates: "That 'Tenth Reunion Letter' of the class of 1933 was certainly a swell piece of work, wasn't it. I'll bet that Betty Hughes didn't know what she was letting herself into when she concocted the idea.

"She censored a couple of paragraphs of mine. One remark she deleted I think you might be amused with, was in regard to the employee cafeteria that I manage as a side-line. There was quite a bit of work relative to its organization last March when the rationing was first sticking its head above ground. However, things got pretty well smoothed out and fellow-employees were remarking how Freddy was 'doing a grand job managing a couple of pin-ball machines with a cafeteria on the side.'

AS a research economist, James H. Harger, '34, has made the aviation industry his special field of study. He was with United Air Lines Transportation Corporation from 1935 to 1942, and served as a consultant to the Civil Aeronautics Authority in 1939 and to the military transport section of the Air Transport Command in 1942.

In 1942-43 he served as an economist for the Board of Investigation and Research in Washington, D. C., and also taught courses in air transportation at Northwestern University.

His new position (since June 1943) with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in California is described by a Lockheed release as follows:

"Mr. Harger is assistant manager of our Industrial Research Department. His present work includes assisting the manager in the performance of administrative duties within the department, and the initiation and supervision of research projects on commercial and private market requirements, the development and analysis of cost and operating data on present and prospective company and competitive airlines to permit evaluation of the economic merit of such designs. Mr. Harger's work also involves responsibility for sales studies into consumer market pre-sales

NEWS release from the Navy department reports that the Secretary of the Navy, acting for President Roosevelt, has presented the Navy and Marine Corps Medal to Lt. (jg) Herbert E. Van Meter, '37, Navy Chaplain, for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For outstanding courage and heroism in effecting the rescue of a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve near the mouth of the New River, North Carolina, July 20, 1943. Hearing cries of distress from a companion being swept into the sea by the strong outbound current of the river, Lieutenant (junior grade) Van Meter unhesitatingly plunged into the water and swam to his assistance. After realizing the futility of attempting to swim with his burden against the swift current, he supported the man, who had lost consciousness, and, with the aid of a marine, kept him afloat until help arrived.

"Lieutenant Van Meter's gallant disregard for his own life in rescuing a comrade from almost certain death was

"I have lunch with Ed Tenney occasionally. He is a second looy and is with the St. Louis Ordnance District, hanging out only three blocks from Falstaff. He is married as of a little more than a year back. Hear from Bert Neavill once



LT. (JG) HERBERT VAN METER, '37
... decorated for outstanding
courage and heroism

in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

in a while. He was recently commissioned an Ensign, is chief officer on a P-T boat. Is receiving some intensive training at their school in Melville, Rhode Island."

1934

David Morris writes that he entered the U. S. Naval Reserve as an Ensign DV(S) on October 15, and reported to Hollywood, Florida, for indoctrination. His wife and child are remaining in Kalamazoo, Michigan, for the time being. "I've learned that indoctrination training is no 'breeze.' I only hope it is fitting us to help bring the war to a quick conclusion so my class may have a successful tenth reunion in '44."

Mary BenDure, now at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, has been made a first lieutenant in the A. U. S.

William Swetland, x, has been appearing in the revival of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," sponsored by the New York City Center. Several members of the original company are playing in the revival—Martha Scott, Evelyn Varden, Arthur Allen, x'04, and Doro Merande. The play opened January 10.

1935

Bill Howell writes that the stork visited his house on October 20, bearing Susan Joan. "Haven't seen the young 'un yet, but objective analysis by her mother makes it clear that Susan is unusually pretty and remarkably bright." Bill has a new address, as follows: Pvt. William R. Howell, Headquarters Detach., Army Finance School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Elsworth H. Morse (Virginia Garbison) have moved from Washington, D. C., to Chicago where Lt. Morse is now stationed. They have recently seen Mr. (x'34) and Mrs. Bill Horn of Chicago, and Mr. (x'34) and Mrs. Bob Johnson (Helen Orvis, '36) of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who spent the Christmas holidays with Helen's parents in Winnetka.

1936

William E. Stocker has received a commission as ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve and reported January 28 for active duty to the Naval Training School, Fort Schuyler, The Bronx, New York City.



JAMES H. HARGER, '34
... from United Air Lines, to
Washington, to Lockheed in
California

planning problems affecting service and sales requirements, and airplane designs."

Mr. and Mrs. Harger (Eone Goodenough, '33) and their three children are living at 2441 Horseshoe Canyon, Hollywood 46.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGown Patterson (Margaret Chapin) are the parents of a daughter, Mary Alice, born September 6 at Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, California. "Peg" is the daughter of Professor, '04, and Mrs. William H. Chapin of Oberlin. Mary Alice is their seventh grandchild. The Pattersons live at 1546 Cherry Drive, Pasadena.

L. Barbara Harper was married December 27 at Moline, Illinois, to Kenneth Evans Thompson.

Miss Barbara Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Pitts, of Waukegan, Illinois, and Robert T. Olsen, son of Mrs. B. J. Olsen (Grace Tenney, '99) of LaGrange, Illinois, were married in Christ Episcopal Church in LaGrange last June 4. Dean Howard Ganster performed the ceremony, and the couple's attendants were Miss Shirley Pitts, sister of the bride, and Earle Erión, brother-in-law of the groom.

Mrs. Olsen is a graduate of the University of Illinois with the class of 1939. Both young people are employed at the Abbott Laboratories and are living at 1514 South Jackson, North Chicago, Illinois.

1937

Mrs. Robert Hyde (Rosalie Clelland) is now in Atlanta, Georgia, working at Rich's, Inc., a department store there. Her address is 36 Gammon Avenue, SE. Her husband, '36, is in service, at present stationed in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bennett (Esther Smith, '38) and little daughter Louise are living at 24 Doolittle Drive, Overlook Homes, Dayton, Ohio. Fred is a research engineer with the Aircraft Radio Laboratory at Wright Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Leppman (Ruth Armstrong) announce the birth of Elizabeth Jane Leppman on December 6. The Leppmans are now living at 5755 South Drexel Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sherman Dye (Jean Forsythe, '38) of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, announce the arrival of Kathleen Louise Dye on December 3. Kathleen has a brother Sherman, Jr., known as "Pete," who is registered for the class of '62. The Dyes live at 2641 Ashton Road.

Phyllis Pearson is now Mrs. Richard Sensor. The Sensors are living at Oxford Courts, 3 Arlington Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Josephine G. Fuller of Dover, Ohio, and Henry S. Bradshaw of Vancouver, British Columbia, a member of the R. C. A. F., were married September 30, in St. Paul's Anglican Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw are living in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Captain Brenda Boynton, x. Director of Physical Training for WACS at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is co-author of the WAC manual and of the book "You Must Be Fit," published by the Infantry Journal.

Marine Lt. John Bradford Phillips, husband of Margaret Loomis Phillips, x, was killed in action somewhere in the Pacific just before Christmas. Lt. Phillips, a graduate of Princeton University and Chicago Law School, was formerly a practicing lawyer in Chicago prior to his induction in 1942.

1938

Betty T. Smith is now Mrs. G. R. McLaughlin. Her address is 10800 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.

Capt. and Mrs. Joseph Hirsh (Selma Goldstone, M. A. '38) announce the birth of Elisabeth Mara Hirsh on December 23.

The engagement of Margaret Bayard Lyon to Charles Austin MacHarg, Jr., was announced on Christmas Day at a dinner given by Mrs. Ray H. Skelton of College Park, Maryland.

"Margo" is the daughter of Mr. ('10) and Mrs. Bayard Lyon of Chicago, Illinois, formerly of Tientsin, China. She is now attending George Washington University School of Engineering in Washington, D. C.

Mr. MacHarg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin MacHarg of Amsterdam, New York. He is a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, New York, and is now with the Bureau of Ships, in Washington.

Richard J. Jones, A/S U. S. N. R., was graduated from the University of Buffalo Medical School on December 29, and is now at Billings Clinic, University of Chicago, for his internship.



BARBARA SMITH RAE, '38

... has written a book to prove that vegetables can satisfy the most epicurean palate

B LURBS on the bright green jacket of the recently published book "Cooking Without Meat" (M. S. Mill, Inc., New York, \$1.50) read, "You may not care for spaghetti—but try spaghetti with Mrs. Rae's Herb Sauce!"

"The book, written by Mrs. Walter Rae (Barbara Smith, '38), contains over 150 new and revised recipes for meatless dishes and appetizing sauces and is the product of her own experience in preparing such dishes during the months following her husband's decision to follow G. B. Shaws example, to forego eating "scorched corpses" and become a vegetarian.

Mr. Rae, a newspaperman, is now serving with a Friends Medical unit, and Mrs. Rae is a copywriter for the Green-Brodie advertising agency in New York, handling publisher accounts. Their home is at 215½ West 10th Street, New York City.

Ouida Lichtwardt, daughter of Mr. ('15) and Mrs. Henry H. Litchwardt of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Walter Daniel Verizzo of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, were married on January 12 in the chapel of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. Mr. Verizzo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benno Verizzo of New York City.

Mrs. Fred H. Mason (Charlotte Fairbank, x) writes from Akron, Ohio: "We have a daughter, Jean Carroll Mason, born on October 2 of this year. Was most interested in receiving the edition of the new Oberlin Bulletin. While I didn't graduate from Oberlin, I have always been interested in things in connection with it."

A son was born to Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Paul Ellis Norton in Princeton, New Jersey, on November 13. The Nortons are living at 60 Battle Road. Lt. Norton is doing inspection work for the Navy.

Carroll N. Langston, Jr., who received the silver wings of a fighter pilot and his commission as second lieutenant on October 1 is now en route "somewhere," having left his port of

embarkation early in January. He married Marguerite R. Wilson, a graduate of Chicago Teachers College in 1940, on July 3, 1943. Lt. Langston received his L.L.B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1941 and at the time of his induction as an aviation cadet in January, 1943, he had been admitted to the Illinois Bar and was a practicing attorney in Chicago.

1939

Warren Niederhauser writes that he finished his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin last summer, receiving his Ph.D. in chemistry, and is now with Rohm & Haas Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His address is: Apt. 2A, 1211 Arrott Street, Philadelphia, 24.

Lieutenant Kermit T. Mehlinger, Army Emergency Relief Officer at the Tuskegee, Alabama, Army Air Field, has recently been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He was inducted into the Army on February 19, 1941, and attended the Infantry Officers' Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, where he received his commission on July 21, 1942. Mrs. Mehlinger is the former Lillian Pettiford of Oberlin, Ohio.

Louise Lersch has given up teaching and has taken a position in the welfare department of the Romec Pump Company in Elyria, Ohio.

Lt. John Howard Oesch, A. U. S., and Priscilla McCormick, '41, were married on December 18, at Dayton, Ohio.

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Robert J. Keeffe (Frances Carr) are the parents of a daughter, Carolyn Jewett, born in Oberlin August 24. Fran is making her home in Oberlin with her parents, Mr. ('06) and Mrs. F. Easton Carr for the duration. Lt. Keeffe, former instructor in the College physical education department, is now a navigation officer and was serving on the ship which was first to reach Tarawa.

Russ Bentley, now a first lieutenant, has been in Casablanca since November, 1942. He is connected with a refrigeration company. Mrs. Bentley (Grace Van Tuyl, '41) writes that she is still working with the OPA and is now secretary to John O. Sumner, a special advisor to the Deputy Administrator.

1940

Mrs. W. F. Eastman (Margaret Cheney) writes from Medford, Oregon: "I have been here about two months and enjoy it very much. I am quite busy with Red Cross and hospital work. When we were in Walla Walla, Washington, I worked at the library of Whitman College and there met Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Rempel, '34." Her address is 344 South Central.

Robert Comfort and Frances Elizabeth Meek were married December 16 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Lt. (jg) Warren G. Refford, who served for more than a year in the Office of the Naval Attache at the American Embassy in Mexico City, has been decorated by the Mexican government for his services in helping to foster friendly relations between Mexico and the United States. He has received the Order of Military Merit, Second Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Corbus of Ottawa, Illinois, announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Louise (cons) to Lt. Floyd L. Benson at Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia, on December 11. Lt. Benson, a graduate of the University of Illinois Law School, was serving as assistant attorney general of Illinois when he entered the Army. He is now serving overseas with the American Air Force Army Intelligence. Mary Louise will live with her parents and continue teaching privately and serving as church organist for the duration.

Mr. (x'41) and Mrs. James S. Loughridge (Hazel Snoddy) announce the birth of a son, John Richard, on August 26. Their home is in Danville, Ohio.

Lucille M. Smith is now Mrs. Thomas Melville. The Melvilles are living at 1843 East 81 Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Kay Warner is teaching this year in Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Her address is 40 Bartlett Avenue.

Mrs. Spartaco DiBiasio (Antoinette Zanolli) is now living in Gulfport, Mississippi, where her husband is stationed. She writes that she and a friend have taken orders for 1,000 dolls which they weave. They have ten people in their employment, making dolls.

Jeanne Parquette is teaching in the physical education department at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

James C. MacDermott, Jr., received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Rochester, (New York) School of Medicine in December. Dr. MacDermott, an ensign in the Naval Reserve, is serving his internship at the Gorgas Hospital, Ancon, Panama Canal Zone. Mrs. MacDermott (Helen MacLaury) is staying with her parents in Oberlin for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin (Alice R. Jones) have a daughter, Jean Roberts, born December 13, in Bloomington, Indiana.

Mrs. Marilynn Welker Kinzer is a member of the Chicago "All Girl" Piano Symphony Orchestra and appeared with the group in concert in Chicago January 17.

Sgt. Jack Klein, now stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, was selected to play the leading role of Thomas Jefferson in the play, "The Patriots," put on by the students of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

S. Sgt. Roger H. Garrison prepared the Stalingrad sequence in the movie "Battle of Russia," one of the United States Army documentary films recently released. Sgt. Garrison is in Hollywood working under Frank Capra.

Jarvis A. Strong, Jr., has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Army Air Corps.

1941

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Robert P. Eshelman (Cecilia Warner) are the parents of a daughter, Martha Cecilia, born September 29. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was born at a time when her daddy was just in from Africa and the Sicily invasion.

Jean Holt and Ensign Guy (Bunny) Throner, '43, were married on December 5 in Wyncote, Pennsylvania. They are living in Washington, D. C., for several weeks while Guy is attending a Naval school at American University. Alice P. Goodier Yocom and Willis Yocom, '40 were the bride and groom's attendants.

The engagement of Jean Van Shute and Cyrus Hamlin has been announced. The wedding will take place in June after Jean has completed her work as assistant in the music department at Georgia State Womans College, Valdosta, Georgia. Cy is affiliated with the technical publications division at Bell Aircraft Corporation, Niagara Falls, New York.

Jay DeMott is setting up a psychological Research Unit at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Pauline Currier writes that she is now at Harvard University working for the Navy Department.

Lt. Milton Bassett, x, is attached to the quartermaster's division at the Army air field at Florence, South Carolina. He has been in charge of the salvage committee at the field. Lt. Bassett was advanced from second to first lieutenant in December, and has been in the service since June, 1941. His wife is the former Janet Rawdon, daughter of Howard L. and Rachel Brightman Rawdon, both '04.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Miller, Jr. (Katherine Kornhauser) of Louisville, Kentucky, are the parents of a son, David Whitaker Miller, born on December 6.

Lt. Barbara King, U. S. M. C. W. R., now stationed at Quantico, Virginia, is Company Commander of her lady Marines and likes the job very much.

Bruce F. Curtis has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and is now at Orlando, Florida, for additional training in the Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics to prepare him to serve as control officer at an air base. Lt. Curtis completed his meteorological training at U. C. L. A. last September and was stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, as assistant base weather officer for three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ely (Marguerite Rockefeller) of Portland, Oregon, are the parents of a son, Alan Ralph, born last June 16.

Pfc. Richard L. Ruggles of East Cleveland and Miss Naurice Malster of Aurora, Nebraska, were married January 29 in the Congregational Church, East Cleveland, Ohio. Pfc. Ruggles is a senior in the School of Medicine of Western Reserve University and his bride is a senior at Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing.

Lt. Edwin T. Mattson, son of Bernard Matt-

son ('94), graduated from the Advanced Flying School, Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, on December 5. He is now at Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas, being groomed for homber work overseas.

Harrison A. Williams has won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and has been commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve. He took his flight training at the Naval Air Training Center at Pensacola, Florida.

1942

Mildred Woodard and Pfc. Stanley Bennett were married in the post chapel at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, on December 26. Hazel Haddox was maid of honor, and Frederick Bennett, '37, was his brother's best man. The Bennetts are living at 116 Riverway, Apt. 7, Boston, Massachusetts. Stan is a third-year medical student at Harvard Medical School.

Helen Strong has received a two-year fellowship in hology at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. The fellowship enables her to teach classes and get her master's degree at the same time. She is living at 30 Belmont street in Northampton.

Betty Miller is now working for the MacDonnell Aircraft Corporation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, assisting in the designing of a new type of helicopter.

Robert Warren has gone to Lyons, New Jersey, where he has a position in a veteran's hospital. Mrs. Warren (Janice Tyre) is about to leave Chicago to join him.

Mrs. D. T. Chalkley (Louise Stevenson) writes that her husband, Ensign Chalkley, has been transferred from Hollywood, Florida, to Norman, Oklahoma. "Don is an instructor of NROTC boys (has the high-sounding title of 'assistant professor of naval science') in Navigation, the same subject he taught at the Hollywood school. You may be interested to hear we have already hummed into John Frechtling, who is stationed at Will Rogers Field, near here. Also, did you know that Clarene Suter, '41, is an ensign in the WAVES (has been since November) and is studying Japanese at the Navy Language School in Boulder, Colorado." The Chalkleys' address is NROTC, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Peter B. Auerbach writes from New York to give news of himself and of Oberlinites he has seen recently: "My job in Duluth finished November 1, and I will be using New York as a base while I am doing research on my thesis. I am going back to Columbus, Ohio, to finish up my M. A. degree.

"When I was in Columbus, I saw John C. Worley, and his wife. He married Norma Havenner in Rockland, Maine, this past September, and they are now living at 1735 King avenue, Columbus. John is an instructor in music at Ohio State University.

"Robert M. Wiley, x'41, and his wife, Lydia McCurdy Wiley, '40, were living at 3020 North Capitol Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, when I saw them a week ago, but Boh has just finished a special course in the Army Air Corps and expects to be shipped elsewhere soon. Lydia expects to go with him, while he is in this country."

Mrs. William Fred Sebelin announces the marriage of her daughter Dorothy Virginia to Lt. Oscar Edward Anderson, Jr., '40, U. S. Army Air Corps. The marriage took place in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on December 16.

Miss Betty Mae Meyer, x, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Meyer, and Lt. Leonard Hartman were married in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They are now living in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where Lt. Hartman is stationed.

Second Lt. Arnold N. Farbshtein, pilot in a fighter squadron, has arrived safely overseas, according to an official announcement by the commanding general of the Eighth Fighter Command. Enlisting as an aviation cadet on January 27, 1942, Lt. Farbshtein took his advanced flying at Luke Field, Arizona, and received his wings and commission on October 30, 1942.

1943

Betty Anderson has left the ranks of the Signal Corps and has gone back to South Bend, Indiana, where she plans to stay until she is married.

Milton Fisher, October grad, has just received orders to report for active duty in the Navy. He



SGT. CHARLES F. MYERS, '40

... and friend

DURING his fleeting visit to Oberlin in January, Sgt. Charles F. Myers, '40, of the U. S. Army Air Forces was photographed by A. E. Princehorn with Eloise Virginia Parsons, '37. Sgt. Myers has been located at the Santa Maria, California, Air Base for the past year. Miss Parsons is an office assistant in Warner Gymnasium.

goes to Ahhott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, for training.

Gene Grover is working with Kay Hardin in the North Shore Co-operative Society, Evanston, Illinois.

Russell Snyder is on the cadre of Camp Reynolds, Greenville, Pennsylvania. His number is 15131769 Trng. Div. Detach. T-1670, A. S. F. R. D.

Eleanor Cady and Lt. Donald R. Weber, U. S. M. C. R., were married at the Post Chapel of the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, on December 24 at 1:00 p.m. Eleanor is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lyman V. Cady (Muriel Poor), '16 and '16, of Hanover, Indiana.

Maid of honor at the wedding was Mary Ann Scott, '45. Among the guests were Lt. Barbara King, '41, U. S. M. C. W. R., and Pfc. Frank Dutton, formerly of Oberlin, brother of Capt. Tom Dutton, '41, now stationed at Quantico. Don graduated from the 40th R. O. C. on January 12.

Eleanor writes that she and Don saw Lois Trudering Doggett recently while in Washington, D. C., for the week-end. Clint Doggett is now in school in North Africa. Lois has moved into an apartment with her sister in Takoma Park, Maryland. Her address is 303 Lincoln Avenue.

Married: Jerry Catchpole and James Godfrey Plehn. Jane Cooper, x, and Charles Mentzer.

Nancy Garbison is taking a two months training course in Chicago and then will be a junior meteorologist at the Akron, Ohio, Airport Weather Station. Nancy began her study in Chicago December 1.

Ida Harvey is working for the Army Map Service in Washington, D. C., and living at Jefferson Hall, 3685 38th Street N. W., Washington, 16.

Nancy "Sandy" Garbison, who has been studying meteorology in Chicago, has returned to her home in Akron, Ohio, where she is now a junior meteorologist at the Weather Bureau at the Akron airport. Sandy is engaged to Air Cadet Mark Fisher, now stationed at International House in Chicago.

Paul R. Dettman is now a pre-aviation cadet and is taking his preliminary training at the Greensboro, (North Carolina) Basic Training Center, Army Air Forces Eastern Technical Training Command.

1945

Virginia McCreery, x, and Pfc. Charles A. Ross, Jr., x'44, were married in St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University on October 30. The ceremony was held at 4:30 p.m. and a reception for the wedding party and the two families was held afterwards at the Commodore Hotel. Pfc. Ross received his pre-medical training at Oberlin. He is now attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia.

... Oberlin in Uniform ...

Additions and Corrections in Service Lists as of January 10, 1944

NOTE: Included in the following list of Oberlin graduates and former students and faculty members now in the armed forces are only those names (including changes of rank) which have been newly reported since the January 1 issue of the Alumni Magazine. The complete list now numbers well over 1900.

WOMEN

Adair, Harriet D., '41, Cpl. USMCWR
Hatch, Louise P., '40, Sgt. WAC
King, Barbara J., '41, Lt. USMCWR
Kinsey, Jean A., '35, Sk 3c WAVES
Suter, M. Clarene '41, Ens WAVES
Tolen, Betty J., x'42, Ens. WAVES

MEN

CLASS OF 1921
Loy, A. William, Capt USNR

CLASS OF 1924
Babione, Robert W. Comdr USNR

CLASS OF 1925
Wilson, J. Richard, Pfc USA

CLASS OF 1928
Dougall, George M. Lt jg USNR
Dougherty, John E. Maj USA MC

CLASS OF 1931
Warch, Willard F. Pfc AAF

CLASS OF 1932
Cheney, R. William x, Lt USNR

CLASS OF 1933
Earl, David M. Sp (c) 2c USNR

CLASS OF 1934
Morrison, Daniel S. Lt USA
Wilkinson, Ralph N. Pvt AAF

CLASS OF 1935
Allensworth, John H. x, Lt USA DC
Dutton, Richard S. A/S USNR
Sprunger, Paul B. x, USA MC

CLASS OF 1936
Bows, James H. Jr. S/Sgt USA Engrs
Cooper, Samuel M. Ens USNR
Doyle, Winfield G. QM 3c USNR
Hyde, Robert P. Pvt USA
Van Etten, John S. x, Capt USA MC

CLASS OF 1937
Shelton, David S. Capt USA
Tarter, Charles L. Chap USA
Tilottson, John F. Lt USA MC

CLASS OF 1938
Bray, William H. Pvt USA
Havens, Walter F. x, Sgt
Holmes, Charles S. Ens USNR
James, Thomas E. A/S USNR
Morrill, Douglas W. O/C AAF
Reed, Thomas L. PhM 3c USNR
Street, Thomas E. Pvt USA

CLASS OF 1939
Jenson, J. Robert Ens USNR
Pettibone, E. Winton x, Pfc USA
Sagaly, Arnold J. Lt AAF
Wenneis, Frank F. Lt AAF
Willhide, J. Lawrence Ens USNR

CLASS OF 1940
Ferioli, Rufus J. A/S USNR
Hanisch, Earl C. A/S AAF
Lichtwardt, Harry E. Lt USA MC

CLASS OF 1941
Abraham, Milead H. x, Pfc USA
Browning, Homer, Jr. x, Av/S AAF
Hughes, James F. S/Sgt AAF
Roberts, John B. x, A/C USNR

CLASS OF 1942
Bullock, John G. Sgt USA
Cole, Douglas G. T/Sgt USA
Cooper, Clark R. Chap USNR
Dale, Donald B. x, S/Sgt AAF
Handyside, Douglas P., Jr. x, Lt jg USNR

CLASS OF 1943
Beal, Leonard L. x, Cpl AAF
Bernstein, Merton C. Pfc USA
Dettman, Paul R. Pvt
Faflick, Carl E. Pvt USA
Farquhar, William K. Lt USA MC
Galloway, Gordon M. Ens USNR
Jordan, Robert S. Lt AAF
Lyon, Hugh F. x, Pfc USMC
McCorkle, Hugh F. x, PhM 2c USNR
Morris, Van Cleve, V3c USNR
Murray, Philip C. Av/S AAF
Naleid, James A. A/C AAF
Nebel, Donald E. x, Pvt AAF
Rowley, Kenneth B. x, Ens USNR
Siebens, Arthur A. A/S USNR
Sykes, Wilton H. x, A/S USNR
Wightman, Warren J. x, Pvt USA

CLASS OF 1944
Breneman, Donald R. x, Cpl AAF
Busch, Carl John x, S/Sgt USA
Chave, Grant C. A/S USNR
Christeller, Norman L. x, Pvt USA MC
Diamond, Neil A/S USNR
Farley, Donald C. Jr. x, Cpl AAF
Haas, Walter M. Jr. A/S USNR
Johnson, Vincent A. x, Pvt AAF
Mathers, Theodore K. Jr. x, Lt AAF
Scranton, Paul A. A/S USNR
Sebbard, Franklin V. x, PhM2c USMC
Weiss, Nathan A/S USNR

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Clifford, William C. A/C AAF
Collier, David S. Cpl USA
Greene, David E. Av/S AAF
Healy, George R. Jr. A/S USNR
Keesey, Charles R. Pfc USA
Mosher, Henry C. Cpl USA
Murger, John C. A/S USNR
Parks, Jesse L. Jr. Sgt USA
Rudy, Thomas P. A/C USNR
Smith, Robert W. Sk3c USNR
Tear, Richard T. A/C AAF
Turner, John E. Pfc USA
Weinstock, Carl E. Pvt USA
Williams, Frederick P. Sig RCCS (Canadian)

CLASS OF 1946
Akers, William J. Pvt USA



2ND LT. WILLIAM K. FARQUHAR, '43

... son of Mr. ('18) and Mrs. Thomas J. Farquhar (Katherine Kilmer, '19) of Oberlin, Tom received his commission at Camp Barkley, Texas, last November, and is now serving in a medical battalion with the Second Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During recent maneuvers in Tennessee, he commanded a platoon of litter bearers, evacuating wounded.

Allen, Charles D. A/C AAF
Avery, Robert W. A/C AAF
Bosworth, Edward I. PhM3c USNR
Clark, William C., II S2c USNR
Dinkins, William B. S2c USNR
Downs, Allison J. Ens USNR
Forbes, A. Irving QM2c USNR
Gans, Robert H. Pvt USA
Hillery, Herbert V. A/C AAF
Martin, Jack A. RT3c USNR
Sikes, Walter W. US Maritime Service
Weinberg, Peter G. Pvt USA

V-12 UNIT
Johnson, Roger L. Pvt USMC
Stevenson, Ernest B. Mid USNR

CASUALTIES

Charles William (Bill) Stacey, '45, chief radio operator on a Liberty Ship, died heroically when his ship was torpedoed and sank in flames one night last June in the Indian Ocean. An account of his bravery, in staying at his post to send out the SOS, while the rest of the crew abandoned ship, as told by a fellow crew member, will be published in the Oberlin Alumni Bulletin for March. Stacey's parents are Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Stacey of Woodbury, New Jersey.

Lt. Robert L. DeGroff, Jr., '42, was killed in action in England on January 5, 1944. (See page 15.)

Lt. Charles H. Tarr, '41, U. S. Army Air Forces pilot was killed on Feb-

ruary 3, 1944, at Shreveport, Louisiana, when two planes crashed together during a training flight. No further information is known in Oberlin as this issue goes to press. Lt. Tarr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarr of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Lt. Carroll L. (Mike) Fisher, x'42, previously reported missing, then killed in action, and later a prisoner of war is now officially reported alive and back at his post of duty. (See page 2.)

United States Army headquarters in the South Pacific reports that the first Negro Chaplain to become a casualty in the present war was First Lt. Joseph D. Taylor of Abbeville, South Carolina. He died in New Guinea on December 18, 1943. Lt. Taylor was a student in the School of Theology in 1930-32.

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In August, 1943, John M. Houston was cited for being in the first octile for scholastic standing in the AAF Pre-Meteorology Detachment at Brown University. He was named as in the top eighth of the "C" unit according to grades in his courses.

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Wilton Sykes writes: "I have enlisted in the regular Navy for six years. Someway or other I passed all examinations for the Navy School of Music in Washington, D. C.

Robert L. Hamilton is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the AAF Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

.. Letters ..

Gets Oberlin-Case Score By Radio in North Africa

January 5, 1944
North Africa

Dear Doc Nick and Coach Butler:

Your two letters with the latest "dope" about the very successful football season and news of the other sports were greatly appreciated. Congratulations to both of you as well as to all the others in the athletic department for the excellent work you have done and are doing, to put the "old Alma Mater" in the top brackets of the field of sports. Having the unit men at Oberlin undoubtedly makes the problem of good material less difficult, but the work of moulding such a group into high-spirited teams is indeed worthy of commendation. Keep up the good work (I know you will), and I shall be eagerly awaiting the news of further sport successes about Oberlin.

You might be interested to know that I got the news of a basketball victory (Oberlin vs. Case) less than two days after the game. We were doing work up near the front lines one night, and since it was a nice clear night we were supplementing this work with a radio program from the states. Several basketball scores were given and among them was that of the Oberlin-Case game. It was indeed thrilling to hear about Oberlin over the radio way over here (more than five thousand miles away).

Before writing further, it might be well to let you know what type of work I am doing over here in the war-torn Mediterranean Area. This 110' Sub Chaser is part of the Amphibious Forces and in times of invasions we have the nice (?) job of escorting the various types of landing barges up to the beaches. I have been away from the states for half a year, and although our work has been very quiet lately, I have seen a good share of the fireworks. The Mediterranean is very choppy and rough at this time of the year, and with only an SC under us we take quite a beating. This life, however, is much better than many other types of duty overseas, for we get a rest in port quite regularly and are only at sea on the average of ten days every two weeks. We are being fed well, have plenty of the best clothing, and get our correspondence from home with unusual regularity. Life could be much worse, but we are all anxious, of course, to get back to the good old U. S. A.

My duties aboard this little vessel are those of the third officer. I am in charge of obtaining all supplies (food, etc.), and have the remaining working hours occupied with ordnance, communications, navigation instruction, and several items of administration. Almost all of this work is done while in port, for at sea we are kept busy standing watches, trying to hang on, or attempting to sleep, eat, and "be merry."

Perhaps you have been receiving (or will receive) letters from other Oberlin fellows in this area, but in case not, I shall include a few remarks about this part of the world. I have seen a lot of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy, and my impressions of them are by no means entirely favorable. Before the rain began to change this land into a vast sea of mud, the chief characteristics were

heat, dust, flies, filthy Arabs, and not much cleaner French people. Now, the first three characteristics have been replaced by thick, slippery mud, cold weather, and heavy winds. The last two characteristics, however, still remain. Although there are many places in Italy which are superior to what I have seen in Africa, their inferiority to what we Americans are accustomed is amazing.

I trust that you had a pleasant Christmas and New Year's in spite of the short vacation. As for celebrations in which I participated on these usually festive occasions, there is little to write for they were quite dull. We returned from one of our trips at noon on Christmas day and the receipt of many letters and packages was the best part of the day. The very fact that we were in port for at least part of the day was something for which we were all very thankful. Upon the turning of the old year into the new (six hours ahead of you), there was a considerable amount of excitement. Horns blew, bells rang, sirens sounded, multi-colored flares were fired, and large guns belched forth with blank loads. In spite of the pouring rain and the cold winds, the symptoms of spirited hopes for a truly happy new year were quite prevalent.

The high lights of my life in this "neck of the woods" have been covered fairly completely, so I'll sign off with best wishes to you both as well as to my other Oberlin friends in the athletic department. I am hoping that this new year enables me to see all of you again.

—PHIL SWARTZ, '41.
Ensign USNR

Feels Cut Off in England; Wants Oberlin Publications

Dear Mr. Seaman,

I don't know if you're the man to go to about this, but perhaps you will handle it for me.

I was in the class of 1942, and after I left Oberlin I was remarkable in my complete negligence of the old school ties. My apathy ran to a disregard of the *Review*, the *Alumni Magazine*, et al. Well, the inevitable came to me also—and now I find myself in England, completely cut off from all news as to the whereabouts and activities of all my old friends. There might even be someone unconscious enough to wonder what has happened to me.

Therefore, I ask of you that if it is at all possible, you will include me on your mailing list of the various Oberlin publications.

—T/S DOUGLAS G. COLE, '42.

Discovers Many Oberlin Friends at Naval Stations

To the Alumni Secretary:

Would it be possible for you to have the last two or three numbers of the Oberlin *Alumni Magazine* sent to me here (NAAF, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts) and also have my name put on the *Review* mailing list.

I have recently been moving around the country (Pensacola, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Quonset Pt., etc.) I have run into many friends from good old Oberlin. Ens. Bob Burden, '42, and Ens. Bill Loerke, '42, in Norfolk, Vlad Dupre, '42, in New York, Ens. Prince Bolton, x'42, at NAS Quonset

Pt., and several others whose names I can't remember offhand.

I've missed news of Oberlin for the past two months and would appreciate it very much if you would get my name back on the mailing list.

—KEN ROWLEY, x'43
Ensign USNR

Appreciates the Magazine

Dear Mr. Harris:

I received something from your office recently addressed to "Corporal" which reminded me that I had not been in contact with the alumni office for some time.

I am stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., and am in the Special Service Office as Assistant Recreation Director of the post. This keeps me well occupied and is interesting work.

Enjoy very much reading the *Review* and the *Alumni Magazine*, especially the latter.

Bob Crawford of my class recently sent me greetings by a very indirect method through four different people. He is overseas. Also I am in steady correspondence with Lt. Stu Postle who is in the South Pacific.

—SGT. ROBERT F. DIEHM, '37

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